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OF THE

General Convention

OF THE

Methodist Protestant Church,

HELD AT

BALTIMORE, MAY 16, 1884.

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AGENTS:

WM. J. C. DULANY, BALTIMORE.

WM. McCracken, Jr., PITTSBURGH.

LAYMEN.—*Continued.*

C. H. High, Jesup, Iowa.
J. W. Murphy, Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.
E. L. McHargue, New Hope, Iredell Co., North Carolina.
Hon. F. H. Pierpont, Fairmont, West Virginia.
W. D. Mitchell, M. D., Atlanta, Georgia.
Wm. P. Herbert, 81 Wood St., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Geo. W. Pogue, Paris, Washington Co., Pennsylvania.
David Dunbar, Adams Co., Ohio.
T. S. Johnson, Boggstown, Shelby Co., Indiana.
A. D. Amos, Rushville, Rush Co., Indiana.
C. H. Powell, Cotton Gin, Texas.
Jos. Wells, Wellsville, Columbiana Co., Ohio.
Josiah Murphy, Gilmore, Tuscarawess Co., Ohio.
Boyd McCormick, McConnellsville, Morgan Co., Ohio.
W. J. Hibbs, Zanesville, Muskingum Co., Ohio.
H. E. H. Hartsock, Cordington, Morrow Co., Ohio.
Albert A. Rust, Franklin, Michigan.
Almon V. Whitney, Sheridan, Illinois.
W. W. Shaw, Shell Rock, Greenwood Co., Kansas.
G. P. Miller, Laddsborg, Bradford Co., Pennsylvania.
George Stout, Chauncy, Lawrence Co., Illinois.
J. A. Cook, Odin, Marion Co., Illinois.
Andrew Lantz, Whiteley, Green Co., Pennsylvania.
W. J. Ellis, Elbaville, Davie Co., North Carolina.

On motion Conference adjourned *sine die*.

Prayer by J. J. Murray, and Benediction by J. Scott.

G. B. McELROY, *President*.

W. S. HAMMOND, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

Baltimore, May 16, 1884

ASSEMBLED.—The Fourteenth Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met pursuant to appointment, in St. John's Church, Baltimore, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Friday, May 16th, 1884.

CALLED TO ORDER.—The Conference was called to order by Dr. G. B. McElroy, President of the General Conference of 1880, who also conducted the opening religious services.

ROLL CALL.—After calling the roll of members, the following committee on certificates of representatives was appointed:—

	J. S. Thrapp,	
Joseph Camper,		Virgil Roberts.
J. G. Johnson,		H. F. Zollickoffer,
J. S. Barnes.		T. B. Appleget.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

MINISTERS.

LAYMEN.

ALABAMA.

E. R. Moore,		C. E. Crenshaw,
W. J. Nolen.		*L. W. Jenkins.

ARKANSAS.

M. C. Jackson.		*Jeff. Wallace.
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CENTRAL TEXAS.

*G. P. Miller.		*P. D. Henkle.
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*Absent.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

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MINISTERS.

LAYMEN.

MICHIGAN.

G. B. McElroy,
A. C. Fuller.

A. A. Rust,
*J. S. Duffie.

MISSISSIPPI.

*J. S. Scarborough.

*M. D. Etheridge

MINNESOTA.

*W. R. Sweet.

*W. Stauffer.

MISSOURI.

*A. A. Keran.

*D. B. Biddle.

MUSKINGUM.

S. A. Fisher,
J. S. Thrapp,
G. W. Hissey,
O. V. W. Chandler
F. A. Brown,
W. L. Weils,
J. H. Hamilton.

M. Yingling,
W. E. Case,
Thos. Chambers,
*Vincent Ferguson,
Thos. Smith,
*W. L. Trennor,
W. E. H. Hartsock.

NEW YORK.

J. J. Smith.
Mark Staple.

*Benj. Harding,
Arnet Seaman.

NEW JERSEY.

T. B. Appleget.

John Z. Stanger.

NORTH CAROLINA.

T. T. Ferrée;
R. H. Wills,
T. J. Ogburn,
W. W. Amick,
J. L. Michaux,
A. W. Lineberry.

*S. V. Pickens,
J. M. Hadley,
W. C. Whitaker,
J. C. Roberts,
*J. L. Ogburn,
J. A. Holt.

*Absent.

MINISTERS.

LAYMEN.

DEEP RIVER.

R. R. Brookshier.

E. L. McHargue.

GEORGIA.

F. H. M. Henderson.

W. M. Bray.

GENESSEE.

S. A. Baker.

G. W. Doty.

INDIANA.

H. Stackhouse,
J. M. Langley,
F. M. Hussey,
J. H. C. McKinney,
S. J. Jones.

N. H. Jones,
S. L. Marrow,
P. W. Patterson,
J. D. Stopher,
*W. A. Quick.

IOWA.

Wm. Remsburg,
J. Selby.

*Virgil Roberts,
S. G. Russell.

KENTUCKY.

H. S. Swetnam.

*D. M. Dilleon.

McCAIN.

*W. F. Bonham.

*J. J. Hefflin.

MARYLAND.

L. W. Bates,
J. T. Murray,
W. S. Hammond,
S. B. Southerland,
F. T. Tagg,
J. J. Murray,
J. D. Kinzer,
T. H. Lewis,
T. D. Valiant,
E. J. Drinkhouse.

J. W. Hering,
C. W. Button,
W. J. C. Dulany,
J. D. Baker,
W. B. Usilton,
Horace Burrough,
S. S. Ewell,
John Mason,
J. W. Thompson,
H. F. Zollickoffer.

*Absent.

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MINISTERS.

LAYMEN.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

*J. Q. Stockman.

*J. W. Pevy.

SOUTH ILLINOIS.

D. B. Turney,

*G. C. Smith.

*Jas. A. Link,

David A. Reed.

TENNESSEE.

Joseph Camper.

Wm. E. Thompson.

TEXAS.

M. F. Rosser.

*J. J. Morris.

VIRGINIA.

G. R. Barr,

John G. Johnson.

*J. A. McQuown,

*Ira P. Robinett.

WEST MICHIGAN.

L. D. Abbott.

Wm. Woodward.

WEST VIRGINIA.

George Nestor,

H. P. F. King,

E. F. Westfall,

M. S. Barnett,

*J. J. Poynter,

D. H. Davis,

D. G. Helmick,

A. L. McKeever,

Benj. Stout.

J. W. Williams,

W. F. Post,

*G. W. Reay,

*J. B. Watson,

*Reason Cain,

*F. M. Durbin,

Wm. Mearns,

J. W. Hull,

J. N. Pierpoint.

WEST TENNESSEE.

J. A. Fowler.

*J. Thomas.

WESTERN ARKANSAS.

*J. E. Loudermilk.

*S. A. Reppy.

*Absent.

MINISTERS.

LAYMEN.

NORTH CAROLINA—Continued.

A. C. Harris,
*J. R. Ball.

*S. R. Harris,
*J. F. Harris.

NEBRASKA.

E. T. Hudson.

S. W. McGrew.

NORTH ILLINOIS.

W. W. Williams,
V. H. Brown.

A. R. Borton,
C. P. Crum.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI.

*B. T. Weeks.

*W. C. Carter.

NORTH ARKANSAS.

*G. O. Hickey.

*J. McLemore.

OHIO.

J. B. Walker.
T. B. Graham,
D. S. Stevens,
S. K. Spahr.

*Wm. White,
Jordan Downs,
*G. W. Kent,
Thompson Douglass.

ONANDAGA.

G. D. Ellis.

N. J. Fields.

PITTSBURGH.

John Scott,
G. G. Westfall,
W. H. Phipps,
*John Cowl.

J. S. Barnes,
H. C. Swart,
J. P. Sayer,
G. W. Pogue.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A. G. Bloomfield.

Joseph Anderson.

*Absent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.—On motion, the following order of business was adopted :

- First.—Calling the roll.
- Second.—Reading minutes of preceding meeting.
- Third.—Receiving reports.
- Fourth.—Receiving memorials.
- Fifth.—Take up reports.
- Sixth.—Incidental business.

The list of Standing Committees was under discussion when the hour of recess arrived.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES.—On motion, the following list of Standing Committees was adopted:

	No.
Boundaries.....	7
Revision.....	15
Fraternal Relations.....	5
Ecumenical Council.....	5
Judiciary.....	7
Sunday Schools.....	5
Statistics.....	5
Publishing Houses.....	10
Education.....	10
Ministerial Education.....	7
Missions.....	10
Journals.....	10

ELECTION OF PERMANENT OFFICERS.—On motion, it was resolved that at 2.30 P. M., the permanent officers of the Conference be elected.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.—On motion, it was resolved that there be a special Committee on Temperance, and the following were appointed by the president:

J. H. C. McKinney, Benj. Stout, S. K. Spahr, A. A. Rust, G. W. Doty, S. G. Russell.

POLYGAMY AND MORMANISM.—Motions to appoint Committees on each, Polygamy and Mormonism, were tabled.

CONVENTION.—On motion, the Roll of Conferences was called to ascertain if this is a Convention.

MISSION DISTRICTS.

MINISTERS.

LAYMEN,

BALTIMORE.

Thos. Wels.

| Perry Gray.

RED RIVER.

Wm. Trogden.

| *W. R. Hefflin.

GEORGIA, COLORED.

*G. N. Barge.

| *J. M. Smith.

FORT SMITH.

W. S. Bartholomew.

| *H. N. Sanders.

BAR OF HOUSE.—On motion, the Bar of the House was fixed as follows: Including the space within the three pillars, on either side, counting from the pulpit, not embracing that under the galleries.

HOURS TO MEET AND ADJOURN.—On motion, it was resolved that the Conference meet and adjourn as follows: The daily session to begin at 9 A. M., recess from 12.30 P. M. to 2 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

PAPERS.—Papers from North Arkansas Conference were received, and referred to the Committee on Certificates

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.—Dr. J. J. Murray, in behalf of the members of the Maryland Annual Conference, the citizens of Baltimore, and the St. John's Church, delivered an interesting address, welcoming the Conference to the hearts and homes of the people. The address was appropriately responded to by Dr. G. B. McElroy, president of the Conference.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME PRINTED.—On motion, the address of Dr. Murray was ordered to be printed for the use of members of the Conference, the financial responsibility having been individually provided for.

COMMITTEE ON PULPIT SERVICES.—The Chair announced the following Committee on Pulpit Services:

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*Absent

MINUTES.—The minutes were read and approved.

RESOLUTION ON SABBATH.—A resolution on the Sabbath was introduced by D. B. Turney, and after some discussion, was read and laid on the table.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.—A paper from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, on Fraternal Relations, was presented by Dr. Scott. After having been read, it was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

DR. R. H. WILLS.—A communication from Dr. Wills on the matter of the paper presented by Dr. Scott, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

METHODIST NEIN CONNECTION.—A paper from the Methodist Nein Connection, England, was presented by Dr. Southerland, read, and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—The President announced the following Standing Committees:

MINISTERS.

H. Stackhouse,
J. G. Johnson,
J. Camper,
M. L. Barnett.

BOUNDARIES.

S. B. Southerland,
G. W. Hissey,
R. H. Wills,
T. D. Valiant.
F. A. Brown,
A. W. Lineberry,
W. Remsburg,
F. T. Tagg,
W. W. Williams.

LAYMEN.

C. E. Crenshaw,
W. M. Bray,
J. M. Hadley.

REVISION.

C. W. Button,
C. P. Crum,
M. Yingling,
J. W. Hull,
H. C. Swart,
J. A. Holt,

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

J. L. Michaux,
S. A. Baker,
A. L. McKeever.

N. J. Fields.
Horace Burrough,

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

T. B. Appleget.
E. T. Hudson,
D. S. Stevens.

J. W. Thompson,
A. Borton,

COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION.—The Chair appointed the following Committee to determine whether the Conference is clothed with conventional powers:

J. J. Smith, J. T. Murray, C. W. Button, R. H. Wills,
T. E. Chambers.

COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES REPORT.—The following report from Committee on Certificates was adopted:

Partial Report—The Committee on Certificates report that in addition to the names officially on the roll of this Conference, the following are entitled to seats in this body:

MINISTERS.

Joseph Camper,
A. G. Bloomfield.

ORANDAGO.

GENNESSEE.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PITTSBURGH.

LAYMEN.

N. J. Fields.

Wm. E. Thompson.

Geo. W. Pogue.

M. J. Laughorn and R. S. Lane were stricken from the list, being in excess of the number of representatives Virginia is entitled to.

J. S. THRAPP, Chairman,
In behalf of the Committee.

J. C. ROBERTS, Secretary.

PULPIT SERVICE.—The Committee on Pulpit Services reported.

ELECTION OF PERMANENT OFFICERS.—The “hour of the day” having arrived, the Conference proceeded to elect its permanent officers, with the following result:

President, W. S. HAMMOND,
Secretary, S. K. SPAHR.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—On motion, the Secretary was authorized to select his own assistants.

Adjourned with benediction by J. J. Smith.

SECOND DAY.

May 17th, 1884.

Conference was opened in regular order, the religious services being conducted by T. B. Graham.

ROLL.—The roll was called.

ANNUAL COUNCIL.—The report of the Annual Council was presented by G. B. McElroy, and having been read, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

J. J. MURRAY.—J. J. Murray, chairman of committee appointed by the convention of 1877, to correspond with certain Methodist bodies of England, addressed the Conference concerning the omission to publish the report of the committee, made to the General Conference of 1880, in the minutes of that Conference. The subject having been discussed at some length, the whole matter was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—On motion, the president was directed to appoint a committee on Publication of Minutes of this General Conference.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—A memorial from Westminster Theological Seminary was received, read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Ministerial Education.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE JOURNALS.—The Secretary of the Maryland Conference stated to the General Conference that he had been unable to engross the minutes of the last session of his Conference, and requested that the General Conference permit the Committee on Journals to accept the printed minutes for this particular year: on motion, his request was granted.

AUG. WEBSTER—A. H. BASSETT.—Dr. Augustus Webster, of the Maryland Conference, and Rev. A. H. Bassett, the Historian of the M. P. Church, and Wm. McCracken, Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh, were introduced to the Conference by the President, and on motion, were invited to seats within the bar of the house. On motion, 10 o'clock A M., Monday,—was appointed the hour to hear addresses from Dr. Aug. Webster and Rev. A. H. Bassett.

CONVENTION ROLL CALL.—On motion, it was ordered that the roll of Conferences be called to ascertain if this body is a Convention.

The following is the vote as stated by the representatives present:

For Convention.....	22
Against Convention.....	5
Not Heard from.....	8
No Action.....	1

CONVENTION—MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.—A resolution was offered that the Minnesota Conference be recorded as having

JUDICIARY.

G. R. Barr,
J. J. Murray,
A. C. Harris,
W. H. Phipps,

J. D. Baker,
P. W. Patterson,
J. D. Stopher

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

F. H. M. Henderson,
J. M. Langley,
T. T. Ferree.

G. W. Doty,
G. W. Reay,

STATISTICS.

G. G. Westfall,
G. D. Ellis,
W. L. Wells.

A. Seaman.
J. A. Holt,

PUBLISHING HOUSES.

L. W. Bates,
M. Staples,
J. S. Thrap,
H. P. F. King,
M. F. Rosser.

J. W. Hering,
J. S. Barnes,
W. B. Usilton,
W. Mearns,
T. Smith.

EDUCATION.

T. B. Graham,
J. T. Murray,
V. H. Brown,
O. V. W. Chandler,
Benj. Stout.

H. F. Zollickoffer,
G. W. Pogue,
A. A. Rust,
T. E. Chambers,
J. Z. Stanger.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

J. J. Smith,
S. A. Fisher,
J. D. Kinzer,
D. S. Stephens.

W. J. C. Dulany,
W. C. Whitaker,
J. N. Pierpoint.

MISSIONS.

J. H. Hamilton,
J. B. Walker,
T. H. Lewis,
J. H. C. McKinney,
T. J. Ogburn.

J. S. Duffie,
T. Douglass,
J. P. Sayer,
W. F. Post,,
John Mason.

JOURNALS.

Geo. Nestor,
W. J. Nolen,
A. C. Fuller,
D. B. Turney,
F. M. Hussey.

S. L. Morrow,
H. E. H. Hartsock
B. Harding,
S. S. Ewell,
S. G. Russell.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED.—The following memorials were received and appropriately referred:

From Deep River Annual Conference

From West Tennessee Annual Conference.

A. H. BASSETT AND AUG. WEBSTER ADDRESSED THE CONFERENCE.—The order of the day having arrived, the Conference was entertained for a short time by interesting addresses from Rev. A. H. Bassett and Dr. Aug. Webster. An appropriate response was made by the President of the Conference.

CENTENNIAL M. E. CHURCH.—Papers from the committee on Centennial of the Methodist Episcopal Church were read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

PAPERS REFERRED.—The following papers were received and referred as stated.

From J. S. Scarborough to Committee on Revision.

From Fort Smith Conference to Committee on Boundaries.

From General Brown to Committee on Sunday Schools.

From the Ohio Conference Instructions to representatives; appropriately referred.

From Maryland Conference to Committee on Revision.

From E. T. Hudson to Committee on Revision.

M. F. ROSSER,—TEXAS CONFERENCE.—M. F. Rosser appeared before the Conference and claimed a seat in this body as representing the Texas Conference. On motion his claim was referred to the Committee on Certificates.

REVISION.—A paper on Revision, from Onandaga Conference, was received and referred to the appropriate Committee.

C. H. WILLIAMS.—On motion, 2 P. M. was made the order of the day to hear C. H. Williams, Secretary of Board of Missions.

COMMITTEE ON IMMORALITY AND CRIME.—On motion, the President was directed to appoint a Committee on Immorality and Crime.

W. H. PHIPPS.—A paper received from W. H. Phipps was referred to Committee on Immorality and Crime.

COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES REPORT, M. F. ROSSER.—Committee on Certificates reported M. F. Rosser as entitled to represent the Texas Conference in this body, and on motion, the report was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE CHANGES.—By his own request on account of membership on two committees, J. H. C. McKinney

voted for a Convention, and the question was under consideration when the hour for recess arrived.

Conference was dismissed with the benediction by G. B. McElroy.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION—MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.—A motion to refer the matter of recording the vote of the Minnesota Conference, "for a Convention," to a Committee on call for a Convention, was lost. The previous question being called, the vote of Minnesota was ordered to be recorded "for Convention,"

ADJOURN.—On motion, it was resolved that the Conference adjourn to day at 4 o'clock.

C. H. WILLIAMS—JAS. ROBISON.—Rev. C. H. Williams Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, and Rev. James Robison of Pittsburgh, were introduced to the Conference by the President, and on motion were invited to seats within the Bar of the House.

CONVENTION ROLL CALL.—On motion the Secretary was directed to call the roll of conferences to ascertain by responses of delegates whether this Conference is Clothed with Conventional powers. The call resulted as follows:

For Convention.....	24
Against Convention.....	3
Not Heard from on Convention.....	3
No action.....	3

Adjourned with benediction by J. T. Murray.

THIRD DAY.

Religious services were conducted by S. J. Jones.

ROLL—The roll was called.

MINUTES.—Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

REPORTS RECEIVED.—The following reports were received and referred to their appropriate committees.

From Board of Ministerial Education.

Quadrennial Report of Western Maryland College.

From School of Theology, Adrian College.

From Pittsburgh Directory.

From Board of Publication, M. P. Church.

From Board of Missions.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.—On motion, the Committee on Statistics was privileged to use the year book as authority when other data cannot be obtained.

ADJOURN DAILY SESSION.—On motion, the hour of five o'clock was fixed for the time of adjournment of the daily session.

Adjourned with prayer by J. D. Kinzer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT.—At the beginning of the afternoon session, the order of the day, "The Report of C. H. Williams, Secretary of Board of Missions," was, on motion, deferred half an hour.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.—A paper on Ecumenical Conference was read and referred to the appropriate committee.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF JOURNAL.—The president reported the following Committee on Publication of Journal of General Conference:

W. J. C. Dulany,

T. B. Appleget,

Horace Burrough.

R. H. Wills,

Jordan Downs.

HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE.—The report of the Hymn Book Committee appointed by the General Conference of 1880, was submitted, read, considered and adopted, with the thanks of the Convention to the Committee for services rendered. (*See page 23.*)

SECRETARY OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.—The hour of the day having arrived, the report of the Secretary of the Board of Missions was read and referred to the Committee on Board of Missions.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND SECRETARY OF SAME.—Report of Board of Ministerial Education was read and referred to the appropriate Committee; report of Secretary of the same Board was also read and referred.

PAPERS ON COLLEGES.—Papers referring to Colleges were referred to Committee on Colleges.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY REPORT.—Report from School of Theology at Adrian was read and referred to Committee on Colleges.

was released from service on Committee on Temperance, and S. J. Jones substituted in his place.

REVISION.—A paper was presented by J. H. C. McKinney, and referred to Committee on Revision.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—On motion, it was resolved that the Committee on Publication of Minutes consist of five members.

MEMORIAL.—A Memorial from Genesee Conference was received and referred.

SABBATH SCHOOL PAPER.—On motion, the paper on the Sabbath was taken from the table, and referred to Committee on Immorality and Crime.

PAPERS AND MEMORIALS REFERENCE.—On motion, it was resolved that papers and memorials may be referred to appropriate committees without a formal vote of Conference, unless there is objection.

COMMITTEES ON JOURNALS AND SABBATH SCHOOLS CHANGES.—The following changes were with common consent, made in the committees named:

Journals—Josiah Selby, substituted for S. G. Russell.

Sabbath Schools—Wm. Mearns was substituted for E. W. Reay.

DR. L. W. BATES LEAVE.—On motion, Dr. L. W. Bates was permitted to return home on account of illness in his family.

PRAYER FOR DR. BATES.—On motion, it was resolved that the present session close with prayer, and that special supplication be made for our brother Bates and his wife.

PAPER FROM DR. BARR.—A paper presented by Dr. Barr was read, explained and referred.

COMMITTEE ON IMMORALITY AND CRIME.—The Chair announced the following as Committee on Immorality and Crime:

J. B. McElroy,
W. H. Phipps,
S. A. Fisher,
Benj. Stout.

W. B. Usilton,
J. P. Sayer,
A. A. Rust.

SECRETARY'S ASSISTANTS.—The Secretary of the General Conference reported the following as his assistants:

G. B. McElroy, Reading Clerk.

W. W. Williams, Assistant Secretary.

Horace Burrough, Engrossing Clerk.

INSTRUCTION TO COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—Resolutions of Instruction to Committee on Missions were received and referred to that Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION REPORT.—The Committee on Convention reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the duty of ascertaining the vote of Conferences on the question of Convention, beg leave to report, that they find the following voted for Convention: Deep River, Kentucky, Nebraska, Genessee, Michigan, New Jersey, North Illinois, Texas, South Illinois, West Tennessee, Kansas, West Arkansas, Missouri—13.

The following according to General Conference resolutions:

West Michigan, McCain, Indiana, Iowa, Muskingum, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi—12.

The following with special restrictions: Tennessee votes Aye and recommends adoption of 1st and 2d resolutions of General Conferences

Pittsburgh, ditto.—1

Onandaga, against changing the restrictive rule—1

North Arkansas recommends two years pastorate—1

New York limited to 3d resolution of General Conference.—1

North Mississippi opposes change of restrictive rule—1

Whole number voting for Convention,—31.

Number for unlimited powers—13.

For powers according to General Conference resolutions—12;—making for General Conference resolutions,—25.

Your Committee therefore is of the opinion that this is a Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church with the limited powers set forth in the following recommendations of the last General Conference.

See page 73 minutes of General Conference of 1880,

On motion the report was received and adopted.

GENERAL CONVENTION PAPERS AND MEMORIALS.—The following papers and memorials were presented and appropriately referred.

On Revision, by Wm. Remsburg;

On Revision, by J. A. Fowler;

On Revision, by R. A. Barr;

On Statistics, by Ohio Conference;

PITTSBURGH DIRECTORY REPORT.—Report of Pittsburgh Directory was read and referred to Committee on Publishing Houses.

COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES CHANGES.—By common consent H. S. Swetnam was substituted for J. G. Johnson on Committee on Certificates.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—On motion it was resolved that there be religious services in this house to-morrow, and T. B. Graham was announced to preach the sermon.

Adjourned with benediction by J. J. Smith.

FOURTH DAY.

May 20, 1884.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Religious services were conducted by J. G. Johnson.

ROLL.—Roll was called.

MINUTES.—Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES REPORT.—Committee on Certificates reported as follows:

Paper in regard to Journals sent from Minnesota Conference was passed over to the Committee on Journals;

Statistical papers from Georgia Colored Conference and Colorado Conference were handed to Committee on Statistics;

1. Rev. Dan'l Young, of Kansas, being destitute of a Certificate, nevertheless satisfied your Committee that he was duly elected an alternate, and his principal not being in attendance, is recognized as a member of this body.

2. M. C. Jackson, of Arkansas Conference, having filed his Certificate of Election to this body, your Committee await your ratification of the formation of said Conference.

Item 2. was laid on the table, and on motion the balance of the report was adopted.

REV. J. H. ROBINSON, and LYMAN E. DAVIS.—Rev. J. H. Robinson, of N. J., and Rev. Lyman E. Davis, of New York, were introduced to the Conference by the President, and on motion were invited to seats within the Bar of the House.

ADRIAN COLLEGE.—A paper on Adrian College was presented and referred.

ADRIAN AND WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE REPORTS.—Reports from Adrian and Western Maryland Colleges were read and appropriately referred.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS OF THE CHURCH.—On motion, 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon was made the order of the day for the election of Editors, Secretaries, and General Boards of the Church, provided that the report on Publishing Interests has been made by the Committee and acted on before the hour named.

RULES OF ORDER AMENDED.—On motion, it was resolved that the first rule of order be amended by striking out the words "30 minutes duration," and also by adding that the sessions close with religious exercises under direction of the President.

Adjourned with benediction by J. J. Murray.

FIFTH DAY.

May 21st, 1884.

The opening religious services were conducted by Daniel Young.

ROLL.—Roll was called.

MINUTES.—Minutes were read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND JOURNALS.—The following Committees submitted reports which were laid on the table: on Certificates, on Sunday Schools, on Journals.

B. F. BENSON.—Rev. B. F. Benson, Vice-President of Western Maryland College, was presented by the President, and on motion invited to a seat within the Bar of the House.

W. M. STRAYER.—On motion of H. F. Zollickoffer, it was resolved that the question of allowing W. M. Strayer, to act in place of L. W. Bates, during the absence of the latter from Conference, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.—The Committee on Boundaries submitted a report which was laid on the table. The report of Committee was on motion, taken from the table and read, and while under discussion the hour for recess arrived.

After religious services the benediction was pronounced by H. Stackhouse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

PAPERS REFERRED.—A number of papers on Revision and Judiciary were presented and appropriately referred.

On Statistics, by South Illinois Conference;
 On Temperance, by South Illinois Conference;
 On Revision, by North Carolina Conference;
 On Boundaries, by Pennsylvania Conference;
 On Mission Conferences;
 On Statistics, by Georgia Conference;
 On Statistics, by Kansas Conference;
 On Revision, by C. E. Crenshaw;
 On Revision, by Kansas Conference;
 On Amendment to Constitution and Discipline, by E. T. Hudson;
 On Revision, by D. B. Turney;
 On Boundaries, by West Tennessee.

W. M. STRAYER.—A motion to "substitute W. M. Strayer for L. W. Bates during the temporary absence of the latter from the Conference," was after discussion referred to Committee on Certificates.

Convention adjourned with benediction by A. C. Harris.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

PAPERS REFERRED.—The following papers were submitted and referred as stated;

On Sub-Districts, to Committee on Revision.

On Revision, to Committee on Revision.

Memorial from North Carolina, to Committee on Revision.

Memorial from Pittsburgh, to Committee on Revision.

Memorial from Pennsylvania, to Committee on Boundaries.

✓ ADRIAN COLLEGE.—On motion 3 o'clock was made the order of the day to hear the report from Adrian College.

NICHOLAS SNETHEN BIOGRAPHY.—On motion the Chair was directed to appoint a committee to examine the manuscript and report a plan for the publication of the Biography of Rev. Nicholas Snethen. The following were announced as the Committee:

John Scott,

D. S. Stevens,

J. T. Ward.

E. J. Drinkhouse.

A. H. Bassett,

J. T. WARD.—Rev. J. T. Ward was introduced by the Chair, and on motion was invited to a seat within the Bar of the House.

We have examined the Journals of the following Annual Conferences: Alabama, Arkansas, Baltimore, Deep River, Georgia, Genessee, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Missouri, New York, Ohio, Onandaga, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, South Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Michigan, West Virginia, Red River; and the printed minutes of the 42nd session of the New Jersey Conference, but no Journal.

We therefore present this partial report.

GEORGE NESTOR, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON HYMN BOOKS REPORT.—Report of Committee on Hymn Books adopted by resolution. (*see page 17.*)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HYMNAL.

To the President and members of the General Conference assembled,—

Dear Brethren:—The Committee appointed by the last General Conference to compile or select a new Hymnal for the Church, have as you know, performed that duty, and the new book is already in possession of the Churches; but there seems to be a fitness in our making a report to your body, which we hereby present.

The Committee found difficulty in coming to an agreement upon any book offered, some preferring the Methodist Episcopal Book, and others preferring Dr. Robinson's Book, published by the Scribners.

The book decided upon, "The Tribute of Praise," by Dr. Tourgee, was more of a compromise than a preference. Most of the Committee would have preferred a compilation from our own two books, reducing the number of hymns to from four or five hundred; but as the General Conference enjoined the publication of appropriate music to the hymns, we found it would require at least fifteen hundred dollars (\$1.500) to purchase the use of the music, and neither of our publishing houses was willing to incur such extra expense, and the Committee not being furnished with funds sufficient for such a purpose, the proposition was impracticable, and we were compelled to select a book already in print.

After the Tribute of Praise had been contracted for by the Pittsburgh concern, the Scribners offered us the free use of their music but it was then too late. If such offer had been made in time, it is probable that the Church would have been furnished

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.—The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was submitted and on motion was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock, Thursday morning.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES.—The following report by Committee on Certificates was on motion adopted. The following have been duly Certified from the Georgia Colored Conference and their names should be placed on the roll:

G. N. Barge.

J. M. Smith.

COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES WM. M. STRAYER.—The Committee on Certificates made a partial report referring to W. M. Strayer being substituted for Dr. L. W. Bates, which was on motion laid on the table.

Adjourned with Doxology, and benediction by G. B. McElroy.

SIXTH DAY.

May 22nd, 1884.

Religious services were conducted by H. P. King.

ROLL.—Roll was called.

MINUTES.—Minutes were read and approved.

PAPERS REFERRED.—The following papers were presented and appropriately referred:

On Revision, eight papers;

On Publishing Houses, two papers;

On Judiciary, two papers;

On Missions, one paper;

On Boundaries, one paper;

On Sunday Schools, one paper.

COMMITTEE ON JOURNALS REPORT.—The report of Committee on Journals was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Journals would respectfully report that we have tried to make a faithful examination of all the Journals which have come into our hands. We find that most of them have been reasonably well kept, yet many of them would be improved by proper index and marginal reference. The Indiana Journal is a model that might be safely followed.

Some of the Conferences have special suffrage rules and restrictions. At the fifty-first session of the New York Annual Conference, Miss Anna H. Shaw was elected to Elders orders, and received ordination.

was contained a suggestion touching the matter of organic Church union. The assembly received the suggestion quite favorably, and now answer it through their Correspondent who represents that if our feelings are still in favor of Organic Union, the C. P. Church will agree to meet us by Committee in the discussion of the subject.

The General Assembly of the C. P. Church is in session at this time at McKeesport, Pa.

We quote you from the letter of Mr. Squiers as follows:

"If in your wisdom it may seem to your good and the glory of God to appoint such Committee of Conference on this subject, and you should do so, informing the C. P. Assembly at McKeesport of your action, I have no doubt that the assembly would at once appoint a similar Committee to meet and confer with yours. Should this action be thought advisable, and be taken by both bodies at an early day in their sessions, the two Committees might meet at Cumberland, Md., and consider the matter in question and report in part at least, before either party shall adjourn."

Your Committee feel that while fraternity toward other denominations is a self evident duty, growing out of the intimate relations which must subsist between the Disciples of our Common Lord, yet there is no undertaking fraught with greater difficulty in a general way than that of attempting to effect organic union between any two of the existing religious denominations: for even where it is found practicable to harmonize all doctrinal and governmental differences in any given case, the matter of name itself, small as that may appear to be, stands in the way and proves generally an insuperable barrier to union.

So true is it that names are often more potent with men than principles. But notwithstanding our sense of the difficulties attending any attempt to bring about organic union as between our own and any other religious denomination, we will not disguise the fact that, in our opinion, were such a thing practicable, a union with the Cumberland Presbyterians would be a most desirable consummation. And since there have been mutual expressions of desire in these two denominations, for union, and the question, so far as it may be involved in the letter of the corresponding delegate, has been referred to us for consideration, we venture to advise the following, viz.:

1.—That this Convention appoint five Commissioners who shall

with a new compilation instead of the book adopted. The entire Committee was composed of the following named members:

L. W. Bates,
S. B. Southerland,
H. F. Zollickoffer,
J. Cowl,
F. H. Collier,
P. Kiel, Jr.
J. W. McKeever,
E. S. Brown.

J. M. Duncan,
D. Freeman.
F. M. Durbin,
J. L. Michaux,
F. H. M. Henderson,
J. H. Robinson,
A. H. Bassett,

Only a part of the Committee are present but as the official action is published in the Preface to the Tribute of Praise, it is not deemed necessary to obtain the signatures of absentees.

Hoping that the Conference and the Church will believe that we did the best we could under the circumstances, we are respectfully yours, &c.,

L. W. Bates
S. B. Southerland,
F. H. M. Henderson,

H. F. Zollickoffer,
A. H. Bassett,
J. L. Michaux.

J. H. HOLT LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Leave of absence was granted J. H. Holt.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS REPORT.—The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was read and adopted as follows:

Part 1st. Your Committee have had under consideration a letter addressed to this General Conference by E. K. Squier, who was appointed by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at its session of 1882 a corresponding delegate to your body now in session. The letter expresses very warmly the fraternal feelings of the writer, and contains assurances of the cordial sentiments of the Assembly, and of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church towards the Methodist Protestant Church.

It should be borne in mind as an historical fact that the General Conference of 1880, at Pittsburgh, was favored with a fraternal visit from Rev. Dr. Black, of the C. P. Church, who made an able and interesting address, in which he expressed a very ardent desire for a corporate union between that denomination and ours. The corresponding delegate whose letter is before us refers to the fact that at their assembly in 1882, a letter was received from a delegate representing the Methodist Protestant Church, in which

West Arkansas District shall begin at the N. W. corner of Polk Co., Ark., and run from thence East to the Fourche River, and down said river to its confluence with the Arkansas River. The line between the Fort Smith District and North Arkansas shall begin at Spodra Bluff on the Arkansas River, and run Northward to Clarkesville, thence to Kingston, and down Kings River to its confluence, with White River, and from thence North to the state line of Arkansas.

The line between the Fort Smith District and the Missouri District shall be the State line from the point which the Eastern boundary line of the said Fort Smith District shall reach such State line, thence West to the Indian Territory, that portion of the Indian Territory lying within the Cherokee and Choctaw nations shall be embraced in the Fort Smith District without a Western boundary.

2nd. We recommend that a Mission Conference be established to be called the "Spring Creek Tennessee Conference" embracing in its territorial limits the territory embraced in the State of Tennessee between the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers.

MRS. F. A. BROWN, MRS. A. R. O'BRIEN, MRS. M. A. MILLER INTRODUCED.—Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mrs. A. R. O'Brien, Mrs. M. A. Miller, representatives of the Executive Committee of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions, were introduced to the Convention by the President, and on motion were invited to seats within the Bar of the House.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION REPORT CONSIDERED.—Report of Committee on Revision was considered and whilst under discussion the hour for adjournment arrived.

The session was closed with religious exercises.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION INSTRUCTED.—On motion, the Committee on Revision was instructed to report the proposed amendment to Article 10, Section 7, of the Constitution, on Friday morning, and it was resolved that its consideration be made the order of the day for 10.30 A. M., the day named.

PLACE AND TIME FOR NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE—COMMITTEE ON.—On motion, it was ordered that a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the time and place for holding the next General Conference, and also the ways and means for providing for its expenses and entertainment.

confer with a like Commission of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on the subject of organic union, and report to the next General Conference.

2.—That we express our gratification at hearing of the prosperity of the Cumberland Presbyterians, as reported to us in the letter under consideration, and pray the continued and increased blessing of the Lord upon them and their work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Michaux,
S. A. Baker,
A. L. McKeever.

COMMISSIONERS TO CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—On motion, the Chair was directed to appoint the Commissioners referred to in the preceding report.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY, TELEGRAM TO.—On motion the Secretary was directed to convey by telegram the Christian greeting of this Convention to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church now in session at McKeesport, Pa. and advise that body of the appointment of the Commissioners. The telegram was sent as follows:

BALTIMORE, MAY 22, 1884.

To the Moderator and Members of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church now in session at McKeesport, Pa.;

Dear Brethren:

The General Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church send you Christian greeting, and wish you continued prosperity.—You are also advised that the General Convention has duly appointed a Board of five Commissioners to confer with a similar board to be appointed by you, in view of formulating a basis of union for the two churches.

By order of the General Convention,

S. K. SPAHR, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES REPORT.—The report of the Committee on Boundaries was taken from the table and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Boundaries make the following partial report:
1st. We recommend that Fort Smith Conference, be reorganized as a mission Conference, with boundaries substantially as described as follows: The line between the Fort Smith District and the

We report adversely also on the recommendation to publish a missionary paper as a part of our Sunday School literature. Your Committee are of the opinion that the subject of missions can be sufficiently treated in the papers now issued.

We recommend that the fifth and last item of this memorial herewith returned, be submitted to the Committee on Publishing Houses.

F. H. M. Henderson, *Chairman*.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.—On motion the Committee on Statistics was directed to report on Sabbath School Statistics.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION REPORT.—The consideration of the report of Committee on Revision was resumed and on motion the Committee was authorized to correct all grammatical, typographical and biographical errors they may find in the book of Discipline, the changes not affecting the sense or meaning.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE.—The Chair announced the following as the Committee on Place and Time for holding the next General Conference.

John Scott,
E. J. Drinkhouse,
Thos. E. Chambers.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—On motion the order of the day for Saturday, 10 o'clock, was reconsidered, and it was made the order of the day at 2 o'clock to-morrow, Friday, to consider the report of Committee on Missions.

REPRESENTATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—On motion, it was made the order of the day at 9.30 A. M., to-morrow, Friday, to hear from the representatives of the Executive Committee of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—The Committee on Missions made a majority and minority report, and on motion they were laid on the table, and 2 o'clock, P. M. Saturday, was made the order of the day for their consideration.

PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS FOR COMMITTEES.—On motion it was ordered that all papers and documents referred by this Convention to Committees be considered by the Committees.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.—The Committee on Temperance reported and on motion their report was recommitted.

Adjourned with benediction by Daniel Young.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS REPORT.—On motion, report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was taken up and adopted; it is as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We have considered the circular letter referred to us from the pastors of six churches in Chicago, in which these Christian gentlemen express regret at the prevalent disuse of the Bible as a text book, as a result of the international system of instruction.

Your Committee, equally with these brethern, would deplore the evil complained of, but we are of opinion, the evil is more imaginary than real.

The fragmentary method referred to by the circular is the logical method, and seems to be the Bible one, of "scattering the leaves, for the healing of the Nations." The home readings and many parallel texts are referred to without quoting, which certainly reminds students of the Book of Books from which the lessons are taken.

Your Committee would recommend the suggestions of this circular to encourage all the pupils of Sunday Schools to secure the Bible. In so doing, we would only supplement the great work now being done by the American Bible Society.

As a further safeguard, against the disuse of the Bible, your Committee recommends the plan of committing passages to memory, even beyond that suggested by the lesson papers. Much is gained by constant repetition of scripture texts, so as to weave the letter of the Divine Word into the common vocabulary. Let the language of the Bible grow with the growth of the young, and they will then easily imbibe the spirit.

We have carefully considered the memorial from the Mt. Blanchard Sub-District of the Ohio Annual Conference, and report favorably on the suggestion of said memorial to advertise our Sabbath School papers more extensively, but think the matter may be safely entrusted to our publishing agents.

We report adversely on the statement that we need more Sunday School papers. *The Bible School*, *The Morning Guide*, and *Child's Recorder*, we think furnish sufficient variety for all grades of children, while the five forms of the lesson papers seem to us well adapted to the various capacities of Sunday School Scholars.

President Methodist Protestant General Conference, Baltimore, Md.:

Assembly adjourned before your telegram was received. Will refer it to Assembly's Committee on Correspondence with your Committee with much pleasure.

M. B. Delvite, *Pastor*.

E. P. Murphy, *Clerk of Sessions*.

PAPERS REFERRED.—Papers on Revision and Journals were presented and appropriately referred.

TIME AND PLACE OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON REVISION REPORT—MINORITY REPORT.—The Committee on Time and Place for the next General Conference reported, and during the discussion on their report, the Committee on Revision announced their readiness to report on Article 10, Section 7, of the Constitution. This being the order of the day, taking precedence, the report was read. A minority report was also presented and read. On motion, these reports on Revision were made the order of the day immediately following the report of Committee on Missions this afternoon.

J. A. FOWLER LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—On motion J. A. Fowler was granted leave of absence.

Adjourned with prayer and benediction by F. A. Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ELECTION OF EDITORS AND GENERAL CONFERENCE BOARDS.—On motion, it was resolved that 10 o'clock to-morrow morning be the order of the day for election of editors and officers of the General Conference Board, provided that the report of the committee on Publishing Houses has been acted upon.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS REPORT.—The order of the day being the report of the Committee on Missions, a majority and a minority report were submitted and discussed to the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned with the doxology and benediction by J. J. Murray.

EIGHTH DAY.

May 24, 1884.

Convention opened with religious services conducted by J. H. Phipps.

ROLL CALL DISPENSED WITH.—On motion, it was ordered that the calling of the roll be dispensed with.

SEVENTH DAY.

May 23d, 1884.

Conference was opened with religious services conducted by S. A. Fisher.

ROLL.—Roll was called.

MINUTES.—Minutes were read and approved.

REPORT AND MEMORIAL FROM WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION.—The order of the day having arrived, it being to hear from the representatives of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Mary A. Miller read their report, and Mrs. F. A. Brown presented a memorial for the Consideration of the General Convention. These papers were referred to Committee on Missions.

PAPERS REFERRED.—Papers on Revision, Immorality and Crime, Gambling, Missions, Usury, Publishing Houses and Boundaries were received and appropriately referred.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING HOUSES.—The report of Committee on Publishing Houses was received and laid on the table.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION.—The order of the day having arrived, the Committee on Revision reported on Article 10, Section 7, of the Constitution, and after some consideration the Committee was permitted to withdraw its report with the understanding that it should be the order of the day to hear the report whenever the Committee shall be ready to make it.

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES REPORT.—An additional report from the Committee on Boundaries was received and adopted as follows:

1st. We recommend establishing Louisiana Mission District to embrace all of the State of Louisiana lying west of the Mississippi River, except the parishes of Claiborne, Webster, Bossier and Buck Grove, and Lockhart Churches in Union Parish.

2nd. That the Arkansas District embrace all of the State of Arkansas south of the Western Arkansas District, and also the Parishes of Claiborne, Webster, Bossier and Buck Grove, and Lockhart Churches in Union Parish, in the State of Louisiana.

H. Stackhouse, *Chairman.*

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TELEGRAM.—The following telegram was received from the Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly.

J. H. C. McKinney,
S. J. Jones,
N. H. Jones,
P. W. Patterson,
J. D. Stopher,
S. L. Morrow,
Wm. Remsburg,
H. S. Swetnam,
J. T. Murray,
W. S. Hammond,
S. B. Southerland,
F. T. Tagg.
J. J. Murray,
T. D. Valiant,
E. J. Drinkhouse,
C. W. Button,
W. J. C. Dulany,
W. B. Usilton,
Horace Burrough,
John Mason,
H. F. Zollickoffer,
A. A. Rust,
J. S. Thrap,
O. V. W. Chandler,
J. H. Hamilton,
T. B. Appleget,
Jahn Z. Stanger,
W. W. Williams,
V. H. Brown,
A. R. Borton,
C. P. Crum,
J. B. Walker,
W. H. Phipps,
J. S. Barnes,
H. C. Swart,
W. E. Thompson,
G. R. Barr,

S. G. Russell,
J. D. Kinzer,
T. H. Lewis,
J. D. Baker,
S. S. Ewell,
A. C. Fuller,
S. A. Fisher,
G. W. Hissey,
F. A. Brown,
W. L. Wells,
M. Yingling,
Thos. E. Chambers,
Thos. Smith,
H. E. H. Hartsock,
J. J. Smith,
Mark Staple,
F. T. Ferree,
R. H. Wills,
T. J. Ogburn,
W. W. Amick,
J. L. Michaux,
A. W. Lineberry,
J. M. Hadley,
W. C. Whitaker,
J. C. Roberts,
E. T. Hudson,
T. B. Graham,
D. S. Stevens,
S. K. Spahr,
Jordon Downs,
Thompson Douglass,
G. D. Ellis,
N. J. Fields,
John Scott,
G. G. Westfall,
J. P. Sayer,
G. W. Pogue,

Minutes were read and approved.

PAPERS REFERRED.—Papers on Judiciary, Revision, Ordination, and Immorality and Crime were submitted and appropriately referred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.—The following Committees reported, and their reports were laid on the table.

On Education.

On Publication of Journal.

On Temperance.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION.—The consideration of the Report of Committee on Revision was continued, and after much discussion was recommitted for adjustment and amendment.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION REPORT ON RESTRICTIVE RULE.—The report of Committee on Revision, as to Article 10, Section 7, of the Constitution, being now properly before the Convention, was discussed, and several amendments were offered and lost. During the discussion, in view of the fact that no afternoon session could be held, the Convention on motion resolved to extend the time of the present session to 2 o'clock.

The several amendments offered having been rejected by vote of the Convention, the previous question was ordered on the following report of the Committee.

Amend Article 10, Sec. 7 of the Constitution so as to read:

No rule shall be passed to abolish an efficient itinerant ministry.

Each Annual Conference shall have authority to station its ministers and preachers for the period of one Conference year, and no longer, nor shall any private arrangement or ~~understanding~~ ~~standing~~ between pastors and churches derogate from this authority. But each Conference may renew the appointment of its ministers whenever in the judgment of the Conference the welfare of the church will be promoted thereby.

VOTE ON RESTRICTIVE RULE.—The Ayes and Noes being ordered the recorded vote is as follows, and the report thereby rejected.

Aye.

M. E. Jackson,
S. A. Baker,
G. W. Doty,
J. M. Langley,
F. M. Hussey,

No.

R. R. Bookshier,
E. L. McHargue,
F. H. M. Henderson,
W. M. Bray,
J. Selby,

Your Committee would respectfully report that on account of the total failure on the part of the Annual Conferences to respond to the assessments made by the last General Conference, to meet expenses of representatives to the Ecumenical Conference held in London, August, 1881, no action was possible on our part. The Methodist Protestant Church was only represented in the Ecumenical Conference by those who were enabled by the assistance of friends to bear their own expenses.

T. B. Appleget,
W. J. C. Dulany.

PAPERS REFERRED.—Papers on Judiciary and on Ohio Women's Christian Union were received and appropriately referred.

NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE PLACE.—On motion the Convention proceeded to fix the place for holding the next General Conference. The following Cities were placed in nomination: Adrian, Mich.; Washington, Pa.; Atlanta, Ga.; Baltimore, Md.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Washington, D. C.; Des Moines, Iowa. After considerable discussion and careful consideration, Adrian, Michigan, was selected as the place for holding the next General Conference.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXPENSES TO NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE.—The following report from the Committee on plan for providing for expenses of delegates to next General Conference was on motion adopted.

Resolved, that each Annual Conference shall collect an amount sufficient to pay all the necessary expenses of its own representatives to and from the General Conference and while at the General Conference and forward the same to the treasurer of the delegation from said Conference to be chosen by said Conference at the session electing the representatives.

J. H. C. McKinney,
S. L. Morrow.

PAPER REFERRED.—A resolution on Publishing interests was submitted and referred.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION REPORT.—The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was submitted and laid on the table.

OFFICIAL PAPERS RULES.—A resolution making rules governing the conduct of the official papers was submitted and referred.

PUBLICATION OF JOURNAL—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.—Committee on Publication of Journal made the following report, which was on motion adopted:

John G. Johnson,
D. G. Helmick,
Benj. Stout,
J. W. Hull,

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D. B. Turney,
David A. Reed,
M. F. Rosser,
Joseph Camper,
L. D. Abbott,
Wm. Woodward,
Dan'l. Young,
H. P. F. King,
E. F. Westfall,
D. H. Davis,
A. L. McKeever,
Wm. Mearns,

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Adjourned with benediction by S. K. Spahr.

NINTH DAY.

May 26, 1884.

Religious Services were conducted by A. G. Bloomfield.

ROLL.—Roll was called.

Minutes were read and approved.

T. H. LEWIS' EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON RESTRICTIVE RULE.

—The following was, on motion, ordered to be engrossed upon the Journal:

T. H. Lewis stated that he had voted "No" on the proposition of J. J. Murray concerning the restrictive rule because he had not been satisfied of jurisdiction, but since that vote he had been satisfied by an examination of the Record that the Convention has jurisdiction, and would therefore have voted aye.

E. T. HUDSON'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON RESTRICTIVE RULE.—The following was, on motion, ordered to be Engrossed upon the Journal:

"I vote No because I believe this is a Convention with limited powers and has not the power to change the restrictive rule; two-thirds of the Annual Conferences, in my opinion, not having voted in favor of this change.

E. T. Hudson."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE, 1881, REPORT.—The following report of Executive Committee of Ecumenical Conference of 1881 was on motion adopted:

cerns have increased in the last four years \$4,467.06; Pittsburgh being \$2,498.54; Baltimore, \$1,968.50.

For the items making up these financial statements, the Committee respectfully refer the Conference to the detailed report of the Board of Publication:

The following items are also submitted in respect to the circulation of the Methodist Protestant, Methodist Recorder, and Sabbath School periodicals.

METHODIST PROTESTANT.

CIRCULATION.

February 29th, 1884.....	3,424
“ 28th, 1883.....	3,122
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Gain,	302
New Names this year.....	772
Discontinued in default of renewal.....	470
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	302

SABBATH SCHOOL PERIODICALS.

May 1, 1884.....	58,984
May 1, 1883.....	39,240
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Gain,.....	19,744

METHODIST RECORDER.

CIRCULATION.

March 1st, 1884.....	4,820
“ 1st, 1883.....	4,954
Discontinued by order,.....	718
“ “ Default.....	525
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Loss.....	1,243
New Subscribers.....	1,109
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Net loss during the year.....	134
Morning Guide Circulation.....	9,000
Child's Recorder.....	4,600

The Board of Publication make suggestions in respect to the modification of certain articles Constituting the board which were adopted by the last General Conference.

1st. That this General Convention direct the Board of Publication to publish at a pro-rate of expense, as soon as practicable, 1000 copies of the Journal, and that the Journals be offered for sale by both Publishing Houses.

2nd. That the Copy for publication be prepared and supervised by such persons as the Board of Publication assisted by the President and Secretary of this Convention may designate.

W. J. C. Dulany. *Chairman.*

PAPERS REFERRED.—Papers on Revision were received and referred.

W. H. PHIPPS.—W. H. Phipps asked for and obtained leave of absence.

Board of Trustees, Adrian College.—On motion the Committee on Colleges was directed to nominate the board of trustees of Adrian College.

Adjourned with benediction by J. D. Kinzer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING HOUSES.

The report of the Committee on Publishing Houses was submitted, and after having been considered was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Publishing Houses respectfully represent that they have carefully examined the report of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church covering the itemized reports of the respective Directories at Pittsburgh and Baltimore.

They have also examined the Charter of each Directory and find that the charters have been so changed as to place both concerns under the control of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in compliance with the requirement of the last General Conference.

The Charter of the Pittsburgh Directory requires that a report be made from that concern directly to the General Conference. This report has been made and has been examined by the Committee.

They find from the report of the Board of Publication that the net assets of both concerns amount in the aggregate to \$30,267.85; Pittsburgh being \$20,865.87; Baltimore \$9,401.98.

In comparing these figures with the reports made to the last General Conference it will be seen that the net assets of both con-

General Conference. All vacancies in the Boards, occasioned by death, resignation, or ceasing to be a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the interim of the General Conference, shall be filled by the remaining members of the respective Corporations.

11th. The General Conference shall determine what disposition shall be made of any surplus funds accruing from the business of the concerns.

12th. Our present Sunday School publications at Pittsburgh and Baltimore shall be recognized as the Sunday School literature of our Church, and shall be placed under the control of the Board of Publication, which shall determine the number, form, character and price of the publications, and shall have authority to fill any vacancies which may occur in the Editorship of the Sunday School periodicals.

13th. The General Conference shall elect the publishers and book agents.

14th. The organization of the Board of Publication shall be completed by the General Conference by the election of the President and Secretary.

The Board of Publication also state that they believe our Sunday School literature demands the whole time of a capable man, and believe the time has come when there is a reasonable prospect of support for an editor from this source.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved:—That an editor for our Sunday School papers shall be chosen by the Board of Publication who shall take charge of our Sunday School Publications at Pittsburgh and Baltimore, and edit and publish them under the control and direction of the Board of Publication.

We also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved:—That the provision in the Charter of the Pittsburgh Directory requiring a report to be made directly to the General Conference, be removed by proper amendment to said Charter.

Resolved:—That each Directory make its report to the Board of Publication, covering the business of each year separately, and that said reports, or copies thereof, be transmitted to the General Conference, with the report of the Board of Publication.

M. Staples,

J. W. Hering,

The suggestions have had the careful consideration of the Committee, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, embodying the articles as amended ;

1st. The Charters of the Publishing Concerns at Baltimore and Pittsburgh shall be so changed as to place them under the control of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

2nd. Three laymen and two ministers shall constitute the Book Directory at each of the foregoing localities. The Directory at Pittsburgh shall be incorporated as the Pittsburgh Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Directory at Baltimore as the Baltimore Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church.

3d. The two Corporations, each of which shall be responsible for its own debts, shall together with the President of the General Conference constitute the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church ; and the editors and publishing agents shall be honorary members of the Directories and Board of Publication.

4th. The papers at Pittsburgh and Baltimore shall be the official organs of the Methodist Protestant Church.

5th. The Board of Publication shall decide what works shall bear the imprint of the denomination, and fix the price of our copy right and official papers.

6th. It shall require a majority of the Board of Publication to determine any question as to the price of copyright and official journals, and what works shall bear the imprint of the denomination

7th. There shall be at least one meeting of the Board of Publication in each quadrennium, provision for which shall be made by the Board. All business not absolutely requiring the assembling of the Board may be transacted by correspondence, according to the rules of the Board. The meetings of the Board of Publication shall alternate between Baltimore and Pittsburgh, to which full reports of the work and financial condition of the concerns shall be made by the Directories of each.

8th. Special meetings of the Board of Publication may be held on the call of five members, of which meetings at least ten days notice must be given.

9th. The necessary traveling expenses of each Directory shall be met by itself.

10th. The Board of Directors of the respective concerns at Baltimore and Pittsburgh shall be elected quadrennially by the

Ecumenical Conference Committee Report.

The report of Committee on Ecumenical Conference was adopted, as follows :

The First Ecumenical Council of Methodism held in London. September, 1881, recommended that a Second Ecumenical Conference be assembled if practicable in the United States, in the year 1887, and requested the several Methodist bodies to create an Executive Committee, to determine the time and place, the number of delegates, and the rate of their distribution to prepare a programme and rules, and make all other necessary arrangements.

We recommend that an Executive Committee of five be hereby constituted for this purpose, to consist of, S. B. Southerland. C. W. Button, G. B. McElroy and J. J. Gillespie and the President of this Convention.

In view of the fact that the details of the arrangement can not be perfected before the adjournment of this General Convention, we recommend that the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint the Representatives from the Methodist Protestant Church as soon as the number thereof shall be determined.

Thos. B. Appleget,
E. T. Hudson,
D. S. Stephens,

J. W. Thompson,
A. R. Borton,

Biography of Nicholas Snethen.

The report of committee to examine manuscript on Biography of Nicholas Snethen, was submitted, amended, and adopted as follows :

Your Committee appointed to consider the matter of the publication of Worthington G. Snethen's biography of Nicholas Snethen, report as follows :

1. We recommend the appointment of Rev. A. H. Bassett, A. M., Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., Rev. T. H. Lewis, Rev. J. K. Nichols, J. W. Hering, M. D. and D. S. Stephens as a committee to examine the manuscript of Worthington G. Snethen, and if the committee find the work suitable for publication they refer the manuscript to the Board of Publication with the recommendation of the General Convention that it be published if, after a prospectus has been issued, a sufficient number of subscriptions is secured from the Annual Conferences to justify its publication. And

J. S. Thrap,
H. P. F. King,
M. F. Rosser,

J. S. Barnes,
W. B. Usilton,
M. Mearnes,
T. Smith,

A paper was submitted asking that "a well wrought definition be made out by this Convention" in regard to the exercise of "editorial discretion" in the management of our periodicals. The Committee think such action would be unwise. Any specific rules formulated by the Convention, to meet the difficulty complained of, would be so direct a trespass upon editorial prerogative as to seriously embarrass the occupants of the editorial chairs.

Another paper, suggesting "Rules for the newspapers published by the authority of the General Conference" the Committee have also considered and report upon adversely, believing that the supervision of the Book Directory is a better protection against the abuse of editorial prerogative or mismanagement than any general rules that this Convention can adopt.

Upon the paper of Bros. Rosser and Henderson, proposing the consolidation of our Book Concerns, and the location of the one concern at Pittsburg, the committee report adversely believing the propositions unwise.

Also, as to the item asking that local church papers be recognized as under the control and management of local Conferences, the committee think that any recognition of such enterprise is in direct antagonism to the general publishing interest of the church, and therefore cannot favor the request.

The suggestions contained in the paper offered by Bro. W. J. C. Dulany the committee also regard as impracticable at this time, and therefore report upon adversely.

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Convention be and are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. Argustus Webster and Rev. John D. Kinzer for their very efficient services, gratuitously rendered for four years past, as assistant editors of the Bible School Series, and to Miss Mary E. Frame for like services in the management of the Primary Department of the said Journal; also to Rev. J. F. Cowan, for "Illustrative hints" in the "Teachers' Journal," continuously furnished for several years past.

L. W. Bates, *Chairman*.

I wish further to be put on the record as opposing any action of this Convention looking to the abolition of the Restrictive Rule;

1st. Because I think the Convention is powerless to do so;

2nd. Because my Conference instructed me to oppose such a measure.

Do me the favor to give this a place in your minutes."

Baltimore, Md., May 26, '84.

A. C. Harris.

"I the undersigned, would respectfully represent as the ground of my protest against the action to abolish the Restrictive Rule that in my judgment, twelve of our Annual Conferences approved the suggestion which has been acted upon in this Convention, while in my opinion all the other Conferences failed to recommend the suggestion on which this body has acted; and on constitutional grounds, I respectfully ask that a record be made of this paper."

D. B. Turney.

RULE OF ORDER.—A resolution was adopted, offered by T. B. Appleget, to add to rule 6 of rules of order, that on all reports from Committee on Revision which do not require a change in Book of Discipline, action shall be had without debate.

Resolutions of sympathy were offered and adopted in behalf of W. H. Phipps of Pittsburg and A. C. Harris, of N. C., on account of severe afflictions in their families.

Committee on Judiciary Report.

The report of Committee on Judiciary was presented and adopted as follows:

1st. That we have examined a communication from J. B. Lucas and a Bill of exceptions to the action of the Pittsburg Conference of the M. P. Church, with the documents accompanying them: and

2nd. A letter from Rev. J. H. Gilbreath, of North Carolina, who complains of irregularities in the matter of the investigation of the charge of holding and teaching doctrine not supported by the word of God.

We submit that this is not an appellate body and that the General Conference has no jurisdiction in the premises.

3d. A paper, in form of a resolution from the Onandaga Conference asks the Convention "to define more definitely the Status of probationary members in the Annual Conferences."

further, if the volume is a success, that the Board be recommended to take into consideration the publication of a volume or more of Nicholas Snethen's works.

J. Scott,
E. J. Drinkhouse,
D. S. Stephens.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M., same day, for night session.

Dismissed with benediction by S. J. Jones.

MONDAY NIGHT, *May 25th, 1884*

Evening session opened with singing, and prayer by G. B. McElroy.

AMENDMENT TO RESTRICTIVE RULE ADOPTED.—After discussion, and a motion, to lay the amendment to Restrictive Rule on the table, which was lost, the previous question was called, a vote taken, and the amendment was declared adopted as follows:

"Amend Article 10, Section 7, so as to read: no rule shall be passed to abolish an efficient itinerant ministry; each Annual Conference shall have authority to determine for itself whether any limit, or if any, what limit shall be to the renewal of annual appointments."

Conference then adjourned with benediction by G. B. McElroy.

TENTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *May 27th, 1884.*

Religious services were conducted by E. T. Hudson, of Neb.

On motion, roll call was omitted.

Minutes read and approved.

A. C. HARRIS, D. B. TURNEY ON RECORD.—Papers from A. C. Harris, of North Carolina, and D. B. Turney of South Illinois, were permitted to be placed on the minutes as follows:

"To the Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church, now in session:

As a ministerial representative from the North Carolina Conference, permit me to say that I am satisfied that this Convention has no power to alter or amend articles 2nd, 10th or 14th of the Constitution, which I maintain can be done by a General Convention only, as provided for in the Constitution of the Church.

Publication, in its present form: but would suggest that it be referred for revision, correction of typographical errors, etc., to a Committee consisting of the Faculties of our Schools of Theology and the Editors of our official newspapers.

8. A preamble and resolution in language following was submitted:

"Whereas the Colored Churches in South Carolina desire to have one or more of their preachers ordained; therefore be it resolved, that the President of the Maryland Annual Conference have the authority of this body to ordain such colored preachers as may be recommended to him by the pastors of the Colored churches in South Carolina, and approved by him.

The law of the church is found in Discipline P. 71. If the Convention should deem the urgency of the case sufficient to justify special legislation it is within the power of the Convention to do so.

9. The Committee return to the Convention, the Journal of the Red River Mission Conference, with the suggestion that it is the province of the Committee on Journals to examine the same; and if the Committee on Journals find violations of the law, to report the same to the Convention for its Consideration.

The Committee on Judiciary will consider special cases of alleged violations of law, but is unwilling to be burdened with vague and general allegations of illegal conduct.

10. The report "of the Committee on Journals supplementary to the partial report previously submitted and adopted" was submitted to us, in which this statement occurs, "one of the Conferences has a resolution, declaring that Colored members of the Methodist Protestant Church never had any right of suffrage and eligibility to office;" and

"Another Conference has had some of its members stricken from the roll for contempt."

The declaration contained in the first resolution referred to above, is a question of fact, not of law:—were it the province of the Committee to consider the question, it would say that the statement is not warranted by the history of the church.

As to the second resolution, the allegation is too vague to admit of a satisfactory determination.

11. In the matter of the complaint of J. K. Helmbold against the Pennsylvania Conference and Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, the Committee report, that no authenticated documents have been presented, and it would be improper to act upon *ex parte* testimony unsupported by a copy of the record.

We suppose reference is had to Art. 2. of the Con. P. 16, and to the formula for the "admission to membership" in the church.

We understand a probationer to be, one who seeks admission into the Church, upon a profession of faith, with "an avowed determination to walk in all the Commandments of God blameless," and who enjoys the privileges of the Sacraments of the church and is under pastoral care until such time as the church, by formal vote, shall confer upon him all the rights and privileges of membership.

4th. A paper from Kansas Conference, signed by "D. Young in behalf of Huff ct." relating to church property, has had our attention.

We refer the brother interested, to the law of the church as found on page 18. Sec 3. Art. 4 of the Constitution, and on page 65. Section 9. book of Discipline.

We recommend that the case be remanded to the Kansas Conference with the recommendation that the subject matter suggested in this complaint be investigated, the law of the church be examined, and relief granted, if the grievance be well founded: all of which, no doubt, the Conference will cheerfully do, when the subject matter shall be brought before it.

5. A request by S. A. Baker for an explanation of Sec. 1. Art. 7. page 21, so as to harmonize its two clauses: *first*, beginning at 4th line, and extending to "Conference" in 7th line;—*second*, beginning at "Except" in 9th line, including the 12th line.

The Committee find no want of harmony in the two sections referred to and answer the query, "are the latter (*i. e.* superannuates, supernumeries, ministers left without appointment, and ministers left in the hands of the President) members of the Conference?" affirmatively.

6. A paper in the following language, was referred to us "At the 51st session of the New York Conference, Miss Anna H. Shaw was elected to elder's orders and received ordination."

We report the act unauthorized by the law of the church and that she is not entitled to recognition as an Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church. P. 71. Sec. 12.

7. Dr. Drinkhouse asks the approval of your Committee and of the Convention to place the imprint of the Convention on the section on church government" which supplements the larger Catechism.

The Committee is not prepared to recommend the publication of the addition to the Catechism with the imprint of the Board of

properly authenticated"—be added to the 7th Art. of the constitution on page 23.

We feel gratified in stating that your Committee have been harmonious in their deliberations and unanimous in their conclusions; and thanking the Convention for courtesies, pray the great Head of the Church, to communicate His blessings to us and keep us unblameable until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all praise, honor and dominion ascribed. Amen.

The report of the Committee on Missions was taken up.

On motion the membership of the Board was increased from nine to thirteen.

On motion it was resolved that the executive committee consist of five members.

After consideration of that portion of the report concerning the Women's Foreign Missionary Society the report was re-committed and made the order of the day for 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—A. W. Lineberry, J. C. Roberts, and W. W. Amick, of N. C. were granted leave of absence to return to their homes.

Convention adjourned with benediction by D. B. Turney.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A question by G. W. Hissey was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A motion to refer the nomination of officers for the Board of Missions to the Committee on Missions was carried.

Also, a motion to refer the nomination of officers for the Board of Ministerial Education to Committee on Ministerial Education was carried.

Election of Editors and Publishers.

The order of the day (the election of editors and publishers) having arrived, the Convention proceeded to vote by ballot, which resulted in the re-election of Jno. Scott, as editor of the Methodist Recorder, and Wm. McCracken, Jr. as publisher and Book Agent, at Pittsburg; and E. J. Drinkhouse as editor of the Methodist Protestant, and W. J. C. Dulany as Publisher and Book Agent at Baltimore.

As the Constitution, Art. XIV, Section 2, (page 32-33) provides that "no minister or preacher shall be expelled, or deprived of church privileges or ministerial functions, without an impartial trial before a Committee;" and as the Discipline, page 73, section 17, provides that "the Annual Conferences shall not give an appointment to any man who, in the opinion of a majority of the members, is incompetent to the duties thereof," and as no minister shall be "recognized as belonging to our fellowship whose name is not recorded on the list of some quarterly or annual Conference to which he is amenable, or who does not hold a valid certificate or legal transfer;" (page 68, sec. 4) and as no quarterly conference is obliged to receive a minister transferred to the unstationed list (page 70, sec. 8) the committee recommend:

1. That section 17, page 73, be amended by inserting after the word list, in the 9th line, the following: "and assigned to some quarterly Conference."

2. Strike out from section 8, page 70, the sentence beginning "When any minister" (line 9) and ending with "Conference" in line 14.

12. Two papers signed by M. C. Jackson, contemplating new legislation, are referred to the Convention for such action as it may see proper to take.—We recommend that the papers be referred to the Com. on Boundaries.

G. R. Barr, *Chairman*.

13. Bro. G. W. Hissey makes this inquiry—"If a correspondent and editor should differ in regard to the right of said correspondent in the paper, has said correspondent the right to appeal to the Directory for decision."

We answer, no rules have been adopted for the conduct of the official newspapers of the Church; but the Editors are amenable to the respective Directories, who alone are authorized to hear complaints or redress grievances.

14. G. G. Westfall submits the following—"Has an Annual Conference the right to elect a layman to a seat in the General Conference who has not been four years, next preceding said election, a member of the M. P. church"?

In answer, we report that suffrage and eligibility to office is defined by each Annual Conference for itself. Art. 12, P. 31.

15. The Committee on Judiciary recommend that the words "and send a copy for the quadrennium, either written or printed,

people, and are we trust, assured of permanency. Their financial affairs seem to have been judiciously managed, and resulted in an improvement in the material interests of the institutions. The Faculties of the Colleges respectively, have done their work faithfully and well, and they deserve the thanks and confidence of the Church.

While we acknowledge the primary importance of sustaining the direct evangelizing agencies of the Church, we cannot fail to recognize the necessity of securing to our children, education under christian influences, and the importance of having such educational facilities within our own denomination.—Therefore the Church should foster to the full extent of its ability our Colleges and the General Conference should give the full measure of its influence in support of these institutions.

We emphasize the following as needful to the success of our Colleges:

1. Increase of Students. This is to be obtained, First, by a recognition of the obligation by our people to give the preference to our own Colleges in the Collegiate education of their children: Secondly, by our Pastors actively and continuously interesting themselves in this matter.

2. Increase in the annual contributions from the churches. Until ample endowment is secured, annual contributions must supplement the inadequate income of the Colleges. Therefore we recommend, that a law be inserted in the Discipline, as follows:

Each Conference may determine to which of the Colleges or Seminaries its contributions may be given.

3. Endowment. This should be kept before the church. All other means of supporting our institutions of learning are but temporary expedients; endowment is needful to permanent establishment. We advise the Trustees of the institutions respectively to devise plans of endowment and to solicit by the most effective agencies they can command, the contributions of our people to endowment funds.

We also notice as Methodist Protestant institutions, La Harpe Seminary of the North Illinois Conference, and Yadkin College of the North Carolina Conference, and commend them in their respective fields of operation.

T. B. Graham, *Chairman.*

SECRETARY TO BOARD OF MISSIONS.—F. T. Tagg was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

At the request of A. H. Bassett the name of J. T. Ward was substituted in place of A. H. Bassett's, as Chairman of the Committee to examine and report on the Biography of Nicholas Snethen.

Wm. Woodward was granted leave of absence to return to his home.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.--The report of the Committee on Missions, as the order of the day at this hour, was taken up, and together with paper from J. J. Murray and J. B. Walker, recommended, and made the order of the day for Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock,

Convention adjourned with benediction by Geo. R. Barr, of Va.

ELEVENTH DAY,

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *May 28, 1884.*

Religious services were conducted by S. J. Jones.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and approved.

A paper from Louisiana Conference was referred to Committee on Boundaries,

Other papers were referred to the appropriate Committees.

Report of Committee on Education.

The report of Committee on Education was taken up and adopted by items, as follows:

Your Committee has had under consideration the official reports made to this body by Adrian and Western Maryland Colleges, the institutions recognized as the Colleges of the Methodist Protestant Church. The general features of these institutions: the property, the character and methods, have been so fully presented and are so well known to the church, that it is superfluous to introduce them into this report.

We are gratified to learn that the Colleges are making steady progress: increasing in efficiency, growing in favor with the

breaking by individuals and corporations; and we regard all such attempts as derogatory to the purest and highest usefulness of our religious and civil institutions.

Resolved, that in the judgment of this Convention the laws of the country are exceedingly loose and condemnable in regard to divorce and deserve the condemnation and protest of all Christians, believing as we do that no cause not in conformity with the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ can justify the passage of any laws granting divorce with the right of marrying again during the lifetime of the parties.

Resolved, that we condemn *all* forms of gambling, such as horse racing, dealing in margins, involving fictitious credits—all forms of lotteries, &c., and that we will do all we can to dry up these pools of iniquity, and destroy the streams of vice flowing from them.

“Resolved, that we as a General Conference, endorse the work of the society for the suppression of crime, of the State of New York.”

G. B. McElroy,
S. A. Fisher,
B. Stout,

J. P. Sayer,
A. A. Rust,
W. B. Usilton,

Reformed Episcopal Church.

A resolution from Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse and L. W. Bates was adopted as follows:

Resolved, that in recognition of the Reformed Episcopal Church of the United States of America, as an evangelical branch of the church of Christ and as a standing protest against the heresy of apostolical succession and high ritualism, this General Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church hereby authorize the President thereof to appoint three fraternal messengers to its next General Council.

Congregational Methodism.

A resolution from E. J. Drinkhouse and F. H. M. Henderson was received, and adopted as follows:

Resolved, that a Commission of five, three ministers and two laymen, be appointed by the President, whose duties it shall be to enter into correspondence with the Congregational Methodist Church with a proposition of union of that church with our own,

Report of Committee on Immorality and Crime.

The report from the Committee on Immorality and Crime was adopted as follows :

Your Committee on Crime and Immorality beg leave to make the following report :

Several papers have been presented to your committee, bearing on the subjects of Polygamy, Sabbath desecration, Gambling and Divorce. We regret that there exists any necessity for a report which must reflect unfavorably upon the conduct of those who, by their professions are regarded as the conservators of good morals, and especially upon the use that is made, or rather, not made, of the laws, agencies and instrumentality ordained by God and man for the suppression of crime and immorality.

We believe that a more rigid enforcement of the civil law on these questions would tend much towards removing these evils, except perhaps that of Polygamy as practiced in Utah territory and other places, and the lax laws on divorce in some of the States.

We would earnestly recommend the enforcement of the civil law for the suppression of crime, and the education of public sentiment against every encroachment upon the rights of good citizenship by any and all violations of the law of the land or the law of God ordained to perpetuate the sanctity of the sabbath, and maintain the purest possible relationship in the domestic circle.

We also recommend the following resolutions as the sense of this Convention on Polygamy :

Resolved, that we, the General Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church now in session, do hereby declare our abhorrence of Polygamy now prevailing in Utah territory, and elsewhere, as an outrage upon the Christian sentiment, moral character and civil institutions of this country,

Resolved, that we will do all we can by moral suasion, or by procuring legal enactment to bear upon that vice, and that we favor a national law to make plural marriage as great a crime in Utah as in any other state, or territory, and subject to the same penalties ; and that we urge our representatives in Congress to use their best endeavor to secure the passage of such enactments as will suppress this crime which is, and cannot but be a stench in the nostrils of all good society.

Resolved, that we deprecate the growing tendency to Sabbath

BALTIMORE, MD., May, 1884.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report.

We have had referred to us the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions covering his work for the past four years. The President of the Board has been before us to explain the absence of a report from the Board covering the financial operations and conditions of the same period. This is due to the sudden and protracted illness of the Treasurer, and, while greatly regretted, seems to have been unavoidable. In the absence of such report we have had access to the annual reports of the Board printed in the proceedings of the Annual Council for the past three years, and to some approximate estimates furnished by Rev. C. H. Williams for the year current.

From these we gather the following facts:

1. The Board has received during the past four years for conducting its ordinary missionary operations an aggregate of \$17,395.28, and for the purchase of the Japan Home nearly \$5,000.00. The aggregate expenses for the past four years not including any money used to pay missionaries, are \$4,839.26. There have been paid to missions in this country for the past four years, \$4,787.25; and for foreign work \$6,703.72.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary gives full and interesting particulars of the work accomplished in the last quadrennial. The Board has either established or given important aid to five missions at home, viz: Adrian, Mich., Atlanta, Ga.; Troy, Ala.; South Mississippi. and Ottawa, Kan.; it has purchased a building in Japan for the uses of our Missionaries at a cost of \$9,000.00 and collected more than half the sum required to pay for it; it has prepared and sent out an ordained missionary and has done much to create and practically direct the enthusiasm of the Church.

There are substantial indications of progress and growth for which we should be grateful and accord to the Board and its Secretary the meed of appreciation. Your Committee have no more pleasant duty than that of recommending this Conference to say to those men who for many years have given time and prayers and earnest effort in this cause; "well done, good and faithful servants."

and to attend their ensuing General Conference as Fraternal messengers, and report the result of their correspondence to the next General Conference of our Church.

Fraternal Relations.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations made an additional report as follows, which was adopted:

The Convention of 1877 appointed a committee consisting of J. J. Murray, D. D., John Paris, D. D., and Hon. F. H. Collier, to correspond with Methodist bodies in England. The Committee addressed a letter to the Wesleyan Conference, and the Conferences respectively of the Methodist New Connexion and the Primitive Methodists. From each of these bodies a courteous and fraternal response was received. The Methodist New Connexion sent in addition, a special communication to the General Conference. The whole of this correspondence was duly reported to the last General Conference; but by an oversight of the Secretary, or Committee of Publication, no mention is made in the printed journal of any part of this correspondence except the special communication from the Methodist New Connexion. Courtesy to the corresponding bodies, to say nothing of the Committee, which performed its duty faithfully, requires that due notice be taken of their respectful and fraternal communications received. It is therefore recommended that the correspondence be spread upon the journal of this Conference, and that the whole of the same, or a sufficient abstract thereof, be printed with its proceedings.

J. L. Michaux,
S. A. Baker,
A. L. McKeever,

Bishop Wayman of the African M. E. Church was introduced to the Convention, and invited to a seat within the Bar of the House.

Report of Committee on Missions.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Committee on Missions submitted their report.

On motion it was considered item by item.

After consideration and approval by item, the report was adopted in the whole, as follows:

men, and boys, leaving the work among women and girls to the special care of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, as set forth in the articles adopted by the General Conference for the government of the society.

4. We recommend the following items for adoption, to be inserted in the Discipline :

ARTICLE I.

The General Conference at its quadrennial session shall elect a Board of Missions, consisting of thirteen members, five of whom shall be designated an Executive Committee, with power to act for the Board, subject to its revision, who shall hold their office for the term of four years, and shall be located in Springfield, Ohio, but may call their meetings at any other place.

ARTICLE II.

The General Conference shall also, in like manner, elect a Corresponding Secretary, who shall be a member of the Board, *ex officio*, whose duty it shall be to attend its regular meetings, to make quarterly and annual reports to the Board, to travel under the direction of the Board, through the church generally visiting the Annual Conferences, churches and mission fields, as may be practicable ; to conduct the correspondence of the Board ; and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

ARTICLE III.

The Board shall meet annually, and the Executive Committee (or the Board if necessary) quarterly, or oftener. The Board shall make a full and complete report to the General Conference.

ARTICLE IV.

The mission work shall be designated Home and Foreign Missions. The work within the United States and its Territories shall be known as Home Missions, and all work elsewhere as Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE V.

Powers and Duties of the Board.

Section 1. As soon as practicable after the rise of the General Conference, the Board shall meet and organize by electing a President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee, and they shall exact of the Treasurer good and sufficient

2. We have considered the report and memorial read before this General Convention by Mrs. Mary A. Miller, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. P. Church, and hail, with gratitude to God, our sisters in Christ who are doing such a grand work of christian civilization in Japan. We note with great pleasure their strict adherence to the purpose set forth in the constitution of their Board, viz: the dissemination of knowledge and christianity among heathen women and children; *and* their pledge to work in harmony with the Board of missions of the M. P. Church. We rejoice in their success and achievements and pray God to bless and strengthen them more and more.

From the report of the Corresponding Secretary we learn the following facts.

The Society is regulary incorporated.

It has organized branch societies in 9 Conferences, having about 100 auxiliary societies and a number of mission bands.

It has raised in the five years of its existance, about \$11,000, \$2,400 of which is a building fund, and there is a balance in the treasury in addition to this fund, of \$2,083.31.

At Miss Brittain's urgent request for reinforcements, it has engaged for five years, two young ladies who will leave for Japan early in September.

The report throughout, breathes a christian spirit and the work of the Board seems to have been transacted in a business-like manner highly to be commended.

3. Your Committee have considered the work of Missions as now Conducted by our church in foreign lands.

We recommend:

1. That no change be made in the work as now conducted in Japan until the expiration of the contract of the Board with Miss Brittain, unless the Board and the Society shall make some arrangement mutually satisfactory.

2. That the Board direct Miss Brittain to control all matters pertaining to the internal management of the school, and Rev. F. C. Klein to continue his evangelistic work and teaching young men, and direct his labors to establishing a Mission Methodist Protestant Church.

3. That when the contract with Miss Brittain shall expire, the Board direct all their labors to evangelization and teaching among

(3) It shall be the duty of pastors and superintendents to further these interests.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

For the purpose of uniting the Women of the Methodist Protestant Church in efforts to promote and extend the organized work of missions in the Methodist Protestant Church, and for the purpose of creating a permanent agency for educating and Christianizing heathen women and children by sending missionaries, Bible-readers and teachers to foreign lands and establishing and controlling schools and houses, the General Conference shall elect at each quadrennial session an Executive Committee consisting of five women who shall hold their office for four years and shall be located in Pittsburg, Pa., but may call their meetings at any other place.

The Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacancies during the interim of the General Conference.

ARTICLE II.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to associate the women of the Methodist Protestant Church in Branch and auxiliary societies for promoting the purposes set forth in Article I; to meet monthly and transact such business as may be committed to them, and to make a full report of their work and financial condition to each General Conference.

ARTICLE III.

The women thus associated shall have power to adopt a Constitution and By-Laws under the title of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, to raise and disburse funds as hereinafter specified; to employ Missionaries, Bible-readers and teachers, controlling their operations and designating their fields of labor, and to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided that these and all other actions and plans be consistent and harmonious with these Articles.

ARTICLE IV.

The funds of the Society shall not be raised by public collections in our Churches and Sabbath Schools, but by securing members, life members, honorary members and in such other ways as the Society may determine and which shall not conflict with the reg-

security to make the funds of the Board entirely safe.

Section 2. The Board shall have power to make its own rules and regulations, to fill vacancies occurring in the interim of the General Conference, fix the salary of the Corresponding Secretary, establish missions at home and abroad; employ missionaries, fix their salaries and change or remove them as the interest of the work may demand, and to control and apply all the funds in its treasury. It shall also have power to require the Corresponding Secretary to faithfully perform the duties of his office, and for sufficient cause may suspend or remove him from office, *provided*, that he shall have the right to appeal to the General Conference.

Section 3. The Home and Foreign Missions shall be conducted as two distinct and separate interests, the accounts of receipts and disbursements being kept in separate books to be provided for the purpose, and report separately to the Board and the General Conference.

Section 4. The Board, at its annual meeting, shall estimate the amount of funds required for Home and Foreign Missions, and shall apportion the same to the several Annual Conferences according to their respective ability; and the Corresponding Secretary shall send to the Presidents immediately, and to the Conferences at their annual sessions, the amounts thus apportioned, which shall be laid before the same by the Presidents thereof, and apportioned to the several stations, circuits and missions; and the funds collected shall be forwarded under the direction of the Annual Conferences to the Treasurer of the Board.

Section 5. The board shall not make appropriations, or contract debts in excess of the funds already in the Treasury.

Section 6. It shall be the official duty of pastors to preach at least one sermon annually on the subject of missions at each appointment on their respective charges, and to secure contributions, which shall be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions; *provided*, that individual contributors may direct the application of their contributions.

Section 7. The Sabbath Schools of the Church shall be recognized as Juvenile Missionary Societies, with the provision:

(1) That the officers of each School shall be the officers of each Society, when not otherwise ordered by the School.

(2) A collection shall be taken quarterly or oftener in each School; the proceeds to be sent to the Board of Missions.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.—The following Committees were announced by the President:

1st. To correspond with the Congregational Methodists:—J. A. Spence, H. Stackhouse, T. J. Ogburn, W. M. Bray, Thomas Chambers.

2nd. Special Committee on Methodist Episcopal Centennial: L. W. Bates. Jno. Scott, J. W. Hering, C. P. Crum.

3d. To Correspond with a Committee from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church: G. B. McElroy, F. H. M. Henderson, J. J. Smith, J. W. Hering, Thos. Sankey.

The Convention adjourned with singing and prayer, and benediction by S. A. Baker.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Ministerial Education.

The report from the Committee on Ministerial Education was considered and adopted by items, and is as follows:

We are glad to note the good work that has already been accomplished through the agency of the Board of Ministerial Education and its Secretary in the way of assisting in the education of young men for the ministry. From the report of the Secretary we learn that eighty three young men have received aid from the Board, and of these that fifty five are now engaged in work for our church, ten have united with other denominations, five have died, ten are engaged in other business, and three have made shipwreck of faith. These figures we regard as encouraging, on the whole. While we regret some mistakes that were made early in the history of the Board, such as the unfortunate selection of some of the candidates by the annual conferences, and the incurring of such heavy expenses in their support as to jeopardize the permanent funds of the Board, still we are glad to be able to report that these defects are being remedied by a greater care on the part of the annual conferences in recommending, and on the part of the Board in accepting candidates.

The following exhibit gives a synopsis of the finances of the Board:

Report of Board of Ministerial Education to General Conference assembled at Baltimore, Md., May 16, 1884.

ular collections for the Board of Home and Foreign Missions. Provided that collections may be taken at annual meetings held under the supervision of the Executive Board or the officers of any Branch.

ARTICLE V.

1. This society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Authorities of the Methodist Protestant Church. The appointment, recall and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions; and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval by the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.

2. All missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular conference or mission of the church in which they may be severally employed.

3. If a difference of opinion shall arise between the Board of Home and Foreign Missions and the Society concerning appropriations or the employment of missionaries, it shall be referred to a Missionary Council consisting of three members to be elected by the General Conference, and the decision of the Council shall stand until the next General Conference when it may be confirmed or reversed. The Council shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in its number in the interim of the General Conference.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions to take cognizance of the work entrusted to this society and further the same by all means that may render harmonious and efficient the work of missions in the church. They shall elect of their number a standing Committee on the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Society shall send to this Committee an annual statement of their work and plans.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of pastors to encourage and assist in the organization of branch and auxiliary societies.

RELATION DEFINED.—A resolution made by J. J. Murray that the Committee on Missions be instructed to define the relations and functions of the Missionaries now employed by the Board and report to the Convention, was adopted.

James Hicks fund.....	2,000.00
Bonds City of Pittsburgh.....	735.00
Cash.....	750.00
Belonging to Permanent fund.....	\$4,375.00
Liability:	
To A. H. Howard.....	100.00
	\$4,275.00
Cash—current fund.....	746.76
Net assets.....	\$5,021.76

We heartily commend the policy of replacing the permanent fund previously used, as pursued by the present Board. We express a desire that this policy shall be continued until this fund is made equal to the original amount of the permanent fund, and that hereafter the permanent fund shall in no wise be jeopardized.

Your committee take pleasure in being able to report that two institutions are prepared to take part in the education of young men for the ministry in the Methodist Protestant Church; the Theological Seminary at Westminster and the School of Theology connected with Adrian College.

We have considered the charter of the Theological Seminary at Westminster, and in accordance with the prayer of the memorial accompanying the charter, we recommend that this General Conference recognize this institution as one of the official institutions of the church, and elect members of the Board of Governors as required by the charter.

Under its energetic management the Seminary has already made considerable progress in the work for which it is designed. A building has been erected, and in part paid for. The following is a financial statement of the Theological Seminary at Westminster.

Value of Ground and Buildings.....	\$4,000.00
Remaining Indebtedness.....	1,200.00

There were twenty students in attendance during the past year. The current income met the current expenses, except the salary of the President which was provided for by the Maryland Annual Conference.

The Theological School at Adrian has, during the past four years, been giving instruction regularly in the several studies of this department. It is desirable as soon as possible to add to the

Referring to the report made to the General Conference in May, 1880, we find the Board was in the following financial condition, viz :

Assets :

Mortgage and Bond of T. H. Gibson.....	\$1,000.00
Bonds of City of Pittsburgh.....	700.00
Invested in trust by Adrian College.....	200.00
Cash.....	1,393.27

\$3,293.27

Liability :

To A. H. Howard.....	100.00
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Net assets..... \$3,193.27

Since that date we have received from the estate of Mrs. Eliza Sands, for permanent fund..... \$400.00

We also have received

From Churches and Individuals.....	\$7,076.56
Interest.....	677.06
Beneficiaries.....	753.39
Other sources.....	1,110.58

Making aggregate..... \$10,017.59

As receipts for four years.

The disbursements have been

To Beneficiaries.....	\$5,831.67
Agents and Cor. Secretary.....	1,525.00
Traveling.....	549.59
Printing, Postage, Express.....	248.84
Interest.....	109.00
Investments.....	1,650.00
	<hr/> \$9,914.10

The present financial condition of the Board is as follows :

Permanent or Endowment Fund.

John Whetstone fund.....	\$1,000 00
Bond and Mortgage of T. H. Gibson.....	1,000.00
John Sargent fund.....	200.00
Interest by Adrian College.....	200.00
Mrs. English fund.....	700.00
Mrs. Eliza Sands fund.....	400.00
A friend, Dan. Horne.....	500.00
13 Shares Pittsb. N. Bank Commerce.....	1,690.00

5. To meet within twenty days after the rise of the General Conference, and organize by the election of officers.

6. To enact all necessary By-Laws in accordance with this Constitution, defining the duties of each officer of the Board and of the Beneficiaries under their care.

7. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a quarter, to hear the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and officers of the Board, and transact all necessary business, including the amount of assistance necessary to be appropriated to each student under the care of the Board : provided, that when any member of the Board shall be present, he shall be entitled to vote ; and provided also, that the Executive Committee may at any time call a special meeting of the Board.

8. To make full and complete reports to each General Conference of the assets and liabilities of the Board, the number of students assisted, from what Conference, and the amount rendered each student.

9. To sacredly hold the funds committed to its care for the above purposes, for which the Board is created. There shall be two departments, as follows :

(1) The permanent fund, which shall comprise all monies placed in the hands of the Board for permanent investment, which it shall keep so invested with approved securities. The interest accruing from this fund only, shall be used for the purposes of the Board.

(2) The distribution fund shall comprise all monies not intended for permanent investment, and shall be subject to the order of the Board at all times, for the object specified in article II of this Constitution.

10. The Board shall assist only such persons as come to it properly recommended by some Annual Conference, or by the faculty of either of our theological schools.

11. All assistance rendered Beneficiaries by the Board, shall be in the form of a loan, without interest, to be returned to the Board at the rate of ten per centum of the gross amount of salary received annually, after they have entered the Ministry. In case any person thus aided, fails within a year after leaving College or Seminary, to enter and continue in the Ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church, unless providentially hindered, the entire amount of money loaned him by the Board shall then become due, with interest from the time it was received.

teaching facilities of this School, by making such arrangement as shall enable the Dean, to give not only his own entire attention to the work of this department, but to have the assistance of such instructors as the growing needs of the work demand. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of Adrian College take measures to increase the finances available for the support of the School of Theology to such an extent that its necessities may be fully met.

We report the following constitution by which the actions of the Board of Ministerial Education shall be governed:

Board of Ministerial Education.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The General Conference shall elect by ballot, at each of its quadrennial sessions a Board of Ministerial Education, consisting of eight members, and a Corresponding Secretary, who shall also be a member of the Board, Ex-officio, all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Protestant Church in good standing: one member shall be chosen from the faculty of Adrian College, and one from the faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary.

ART. II. The object of the Board shall be to assist worthy young men of the Methodist Protestant Church in preparing for the work of the Ministry.

ART. III. The Board shall be known as "The Board of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Protestant Church."

ART. IV. The Board shall be invested with the following powers:

1. To obtain a charter wherever it is located, for the purpose hereinafter stated.
2. To meet annually, and elect a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of three members.
3. To determine the amount of salary to be paid the Corresponding Secretary.
4. To suspend or remove him from office for just cause, and if from any cause the office becomes vacant, to fill it until the succeeding General Conference; and if the Secretary be suspended, he shall have the right of appeal to the General Conference.

TRUSTEES OF ADRIAN COLLEGE.

J. H. Claney,	Pittsburg,
G. B. McElroy,	Adrian.
Woodland Owen,	"
W. S. Wilcox,	"
S. K. Spahr,	"
J. H. Hawkins,	Steubenville.
C. J. Yingling,	Tiffin.
S. A. Fisher,	West Lafayette.
G. G. Westfall,	East Liverpool.
M. S. Barnet,	West Virginia.
C. P. Crum,	La Harpe, Ill.
O. C. Clark,	Auburn, Ind.

T. B. Graham, *Chairman*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. F. A. Brown,	Mrs. J. D. Anderson.
Mrs. S. K. Spahr,	Mrs. J. E. Palmer,
Mrs. M. A. Miller,	

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

F. H. M. Henderson, D. D.	B. Stout,
Chas. E. Crenshaw,	Thos. Lee, M. D.
J. C. Roberts,	

A paper on Judiciary was presented and appropriately referred.

AMENDMENT TO DISCIPLINE.—The Committee on Revision reported an Amendment to the Discipline making Baptism a condition of membership in the Church. The Chair decided this action unconstitutional; an appeal was taken from the decision, but the Chair was sustained.

Conference adjourned with benediction by A. C. Harris.

NIGHT SESSION.

ITEMS FOR OFFICIAL PAPERS.—The following resolution by O. V. W. Chandler and W. L. Wells was adopted:

Resolved; That the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions be required to furnish to our official papers such extracts from the Communications and reports of our missionaries as in

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Board, and devote himself faithfully to promote the educational interests under its care. He shall present the claims of the cause as extensively as possible to the entire denomination. He shall visit each of the Colleges where students are being aided by the Board, at least once a year, and take a proper interest in their education and general welfare. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee, or the Board, the results of his work, and shall be amenable to the Board for the performance of the duties herein set forth, but shall ultimately report to, and be amenable to the General Conference. He shall also, be recognized by our Annual Conferences, sub-district meetings, and Pastoral charges, as the authorized agent of the General Conference, having the right to represent to them the interest of this cause.

J. J. Smith, *Chairman*.

Leave of absence was granted to A. C. Miller, of Michigan, and to the entire W. Va., delegation, to return to their homes.

PROLONGED AND EXTRA SESSION.—On motion it was decided to prolong the present session till six o'clock, P. M., and call a night session at 8 o'clock.

BOARDS ELECTED BY BALLOT.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the following names, as the respective Boards:

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

T. H. Colhouer,	Pittsburg,
W. W. McCaslin,	Indiana,
A. H. Widney,	N. Illinois,
O. V. W. Chandler, }	Muskingum.
Wm. Porteus,	
Benjamin Stout,	West Virginia.
T. J. Ogburn,	N. Carolina.
L. W. Bates,	Maryland.
G. B. McElroy,	Michigan,
T. B. Graham,	
C. S. Evans, }	Ohio.
C. H. Williams,	
T. Douglass,	

cities of Norfolk and Lynchburg, and the counties of Campbell, Surry, and Amelia."

On page 161 item 2, strike out the words "Greensville circuit, Virginia."

6. For item 37, pages 164 and 165 substitute the following: "*Virginia* District shall embrace all the State of Virginia not included in the Maryland District, and that portion of the State of Tennessee east of the Cumberland Mountains; also the counties of Letcher, Pike, Floyd, McGoffin, Wolfe, Breathett, Hously, and Josh Bell in the State of Kentucky."

7. To item 26 page 162, add the words: "except that portion embraced in the Fort Smith District."

8. Having carefully considered the memorial from the Louisiana Annual Conference, which has been referred to us, since a former report, in which the boundary line between the Arkansas and Louisiana Conferences was designated, are of opinion that it would be unwise to make any change in said line. But recommend that said report be reconsidered, and the words west of the Mississippi River be stricken out, so that all that part of the State of Louisiana east of of said River constitute a part of the Louisiana District.

Hugh Stackhouse,
John G. Johnson,
C. E. Crenshaw.

PROTEST.—M. Staples, on a question of privilege, was allowed to state his protest against the action of the Convention, in the adoption of item 6 of the report of Committee on Judiciary.

Board of Publication.

The Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the following names, as a Board of Publication:

H. F. Zollickoffer,	}	Baltimore.
J. T. Murray,		
Horace Burrough,		
J. D. Kinzer,		
John G. Clark,		

his judgment may be of interest to the church, as soon after their receipt as practicable.

ELECTION OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—On motion Convention proceeded to ballot for the election of a Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, which resulted in the election of J. B. Walker.

J. J. Smith was granted leave of absence.

MISSIONARY COUNCIL.—The following were appointed as a Missionary Council: J. J. Smith, Wm. Remsburg, S. A. Fisher.

Convention adjourned with benediction by S. B. Southerland.

TWELFTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *May 29, 1884.*

Religious services were conducted by T. J. Ogburn, of N. C.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Boundaries Report.

The report of Committee on Boundaries was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Boundaries respectfully submit the following additional report:

1. We recommend that the action of the late General Conference, allowing the charges of the Pennsylvania Conference to seek affiliation with other Conferences be declared no longer operative.

2. We regard it as very important that there be a good understanding between the New York and Pennsylvania and New Jersey Conferences concerning the charges occupied by the former within the territories of the latter, to the end that said occupancy may cease so soon as may be, without injury to said charges.

3. We regard the relations of the Deep River and North Carolina Conferences and the question of territorial division, as matters for local adjustment, and to this end recommend the cultivation of cordial fraternal relations.

4. Insert (page 160 item 14 of Discipline) after the word Railroad (5th line from top of page the following words viz: "also the

We extend to them our hearty sympathy, and, as far as practicable, will assist in carrying on the good work.

We believe great good is being accomplished by the many agencies now employed. We believe that statutory laws should be enacted to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and we will use all legitimate means to bring about that effect.

And in view of the facts we have named, we offer the following :

1. Resolved, That the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is a violation of the teachings of the Bible, and is opposed to the best interests of any country.

2. Resolved, That we are in full sympathy with the efforts of the Temperance reform, both by moral suasion, and to secure legal prohibition in every State and Territory in the Union.

3. Resolved, That any member of the Church who manufactures, sells, drinks, or rents or furnishes a place for the traffic, should be considered guilty of immorality, and should be dealt with as in other cases of immorality.

4. Resolved, That unfermented wine should be used for sacramental purposes.

5. Resolved, That total abstinence from alcoholic beverages is the Bible rule of temperance ; and should be observed by every one who fears God, and stands identified with the church of Christ.

S. J. Jones,
Geo. W. Doty,
Benjamin Stout.

Resolution of Thanks.

The following Resolution of Thanks was offered by T. B. Appleget and E. T. Hudson, and adopted.

1. That this General Conference acknowledges with deep gratitude and with assurances of heartfelt appreciation, the generous welcome and abundant hospitality extended to it by the Maryland Conference, the members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church in the city of Baltimore, and the St. John's Independent Methodist Church. Every hour of our pleasant sojourn here has been to us like a home coming festival, full of precious memories of these faithful men and women who in this city, and within these

John Gregory	}	Pittsburgh.
Joel S. Thrap,		
John Munden,		
Wm. K. Gillespie,		
F. M. Durbin.		

H. F. Zollickoffer, *President*.

Wm. K. Gillespie, *Secretary*.

A communication from Enos Wyatt of Stockton was referred to the Board of Missions.

The following on motion was adopted—Resolved that the Board of Publication be instructed to take into consideration the advisability of purchasing the plates and copy-right of A. H. Bassett's History of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Conference adjourned with benediction by T. H. Lewis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The following report from the Committee on Temperance was adopted:

Your committee, in considering the great subject of temperance; believe that there are vital reasons why the Methodist Protestant Church should speak out plainly upon this subject. Thousands are annually hurried to the grave. Thousands are sent to prisons, millions of money is used, and over 200,000 persons are engaged in the manufacture, and sale of intoxicating drinks, by which the cause of civilization, and religion is challenged in every state in the union.

We believe that the most successful way to suppress the traffic in intoxicants is constitutional prohibition.

We hail with delight the progress being made in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, West Virginia, Kentucky and other states in taking legal steps to totally suppress the evil.

We recognize the great good that is being accomplished by the "Woman's National Christian Temperance Union" and the many other organizations that are working efficiently for the suppression of intemperance.

DUTY OF GENERAL BOARDS.—The following paper offered by J. B. Walker, was read and adopted:

1. It shall be the duty of the Respective General Boards of the Church, to publish an annual report of their work, setting forth such a statement of their operations, as will inform the Conferences and Church generally in regard to the interests intrusted to their management.

2. Said reports shall be placed in the hands of the Book Agents alternately for publication on or before July 10, of each year, to be printed together in one pamphlet.

3. It shall be the duty of the Book Agent, to print at least 1,500 copies each year, and forward one copy to each Pastor in all the Conferences as far as their addresses can be obtained, and send the remaining copies to the Secretaries and Agents of the respective Boards.

4. The expenses incurred in publishing and mailing shall be paid *pro-rata* to space occupied by the Boards represented.

The above ordered to be printed in the Journal.

DISCIPLINE.—On motion the Publication of the Discipline was referred to the Board of Publication.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Geo. R. Barr.

NIGHT SESSION,

Religious services were conducted by Dan'l Young, of Kansas.

Minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Special Committee on M. E. Centennial was received and adopted as follows:

Your Committee having received and considered a paper signed by Bishop Simpson, Chairman, and H. K. Carroll, Secretary, inviting the Methodist Protestant Church to participate in the Centennial Celebration of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States; and being duly impressed with the christian courtesy and good will which this invitation implies, we would beg leave respectfully to state, that whilst, as a denomination, we could not feel free to appear as participants in the celebration, it nevertheless affords us much pleasure to return our christian acknowledgment for the invitation so kindly extended, and to express our christian greetings; and in furtherance of this we recommend that this General Convention appoint a fraternal

very walls, sowed in anxiety and tears the seed which has produced for us a harvest of great blessing and joy.

2. That this General Convention will ever remember with satisfaction the ability, impartiality and courtesy with which its President has discharged the duties of his position, and the fidelity and zeal of the Secretaries in their arduous work.

3. That our thanks are also tendered to the editor and publisher of the *Methodist Protestant* for many special facilities for our work; to the press of the city for their full and generally fair and accurate reports of our proceedings, to Postmaster Adreon and his assistant Dr. A. A. White, for the complete mail facilities afforded to the members of this body, and to the Rail Roads and all others who have extended favors and courtesies to the members of this Convention.

T. B. Appleget,
E. T. Hudson,

Board of Ministerial Education.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the following names, as a Board of Ministerial Education:

G. G. Westfall,

J. H. Claney,

J. J. Gillespie,

Capt. Wm. Herbert,

J. H. Hawkins,

T. H. Lewis,

J. D. Baker,

G. B. McElroy.

DISCIPLINE —The Chair announced the following Committee on Publication of Discipline: J. J. Murray, F. T. Tagg, Horace Burrough.

A motion that this session be continued until 6 o'clock, P. M., and that a night session be called at 8 o'clock, was carried.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CENTENNIAL.—The Special Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted their report in reference to the Methodist Episcopal Centennial, which was adopted and subsequently reconsidered and referred back to the Committee.

METHODIST PROTESTANT YEAR BOOK.—The following resolution offered by D. S. Stevens, was adopted:

Resolved, That this General Conference recognize with pleasure the Year Book published by Rev. J. F. Cowan, commend the same to the patronage of the denomination, and trust that the publication may be continued annually.

STATISTICS OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Itinerant Ministers and Preachers.	Unstationed Min- isters and Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Valuation of Church Property.	Percentage of in- crease in Church Membership.	Per cen. of de- crease in Church Membership.	REMARKS.
Alabama	31	3	3,139	66	65	2	\$57,205			
Arkansas	10	7	1,275	1	29	5,256			
Colorado Texas.....	19	8	510	9	11	1,500			
Central Texas.....	31	24	1,560	200	15	4,000			
Deep River.....	112	8	663	15	9	2,000			Year book.
Fort Smith.....	31	11	1,400	2	13	1	2,500			
Georgia	29	5	2,104	56	47	65,100			
Georgia (Colored).....	18	18	1,000	17	18	2,500			Year book.
Genessee.....	19	21	713	13	10½	8	31,750			"
Indiana.....	56	62	6,891	259	90	13	105,110			
Iowa	46	15	2,847	73	44	14	5,100			
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Michigan.....	41	29	2,198	25	104	26	87,350			"
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North Arkansas.....	23	6	90	10	3	1	1,000			
North Mississippi.....	16	13	944	3	30	4,950			
Ohio.....	45	43	6,065	174	104	26	242,100			
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Grand total.....	1,340	919	125,666	3,597	1,855	311	\$3,027,439			

G. G. WESTFALL, Chairman.
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FOURTEENTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION.

Commission consisting of four persons, two ministers and two laymen, who shall hold the Centenary Conference of 1884 to be the first of the biennial meetings of this body and our united recognition of what God has wrought in this land through his Church, both Episcopal and Non-Episcopal.

Dr. W. Bates,

John Scott,

J. W. Hering.

It was recommended that the President and Secretary of this Conference be required to notify Bishop Simpson and H. K. Campbell.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON STATISTICS.—Some blank forms were distributed by the Committee on Statistics were referred to Committee on Publication of Discipline.

COMMISSION TO CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH.—The Commission was as a Commission to Centennial Conference M. E. Church. Dr. W. Bates, Dr. John Scott, Hon. F. J. Johnson and Dr. J. W. Hering.

Committee on Revision Report.

At the meeting it was resolved that the Clerk be excused from entering the part of the Report of the Committee on Revision which was published in the Discipline, but that he be required to enter the papers.

REPORT OF D. B. DORSEY.—The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Resolved: That the following documents were left by D. B. Dorsey, deceased:

1. The J. F. Cowan, T. C. Miller and J. S. Barnes, be required to make, if practicable, and turn them over to the next General Conference.

The report of the Committee on Revision having been considered and read from day to day during the Sessions of the Conference, was on motion adopted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was received and read.

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G. G. WESTFALL, Chairman.

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W. L. WELLS, Secretary.

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L. W. Bates,
John Scott;
J. W. Hering.

We also recommend that the President and Secretary of this Convention, be required to notify Bishop Simpson and H. K. Carroll of our action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.—Some blank forms recommended by Committee on Statistics were referred to Committee on Publication of Discipline.

COMMISSION TO CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH.—The Chair announced as a Commission to Centennial Conference of the M. E. Church, Dr. L. W. Bates, Dr. Jno. Scott, Hon. F. H. Pierpoint and Dr. J. W. Hering.

Committee on Revision Report.

On motion, it was resolved that the Clerk be excused from engrossing that part of the Report of the Committee on Revision which will be published in the Discipline, but that he be required to preserve the papers.

PAPERS OF D. B. DORSEY.—The following preamble and resolution by G. G. Westfall and A. A. Rust was adopted:

WHEREAS, Important documents were left by D. B. Dorsey, therefore be it

Resolved, That J. F. Cowan, T. C. Miller and J. S. Barnes, be a committee to secure, if practicable, and turn them over to the next General Conference.

The report of the Committee on Revision having been considered and acted upon from day to day during the Sessions of the Convention, was on motion adopted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was received and adopted as follows:

for in two ways: First, the prevalence of "union" schools in the South and extreme West, which are not reported; and second, the negligence in reporting denominational schools. When a Conference like the Michigan fails to report the number of Sunday School scholars in its printed minutes, a Conference like the West Virginia reports over 10,000 scholars at one session, and but 5,000 at the next; or one like the Onondaga reports Sunday School scholars from but 12 of its 47 charges—there is manifest laxity. Some of the smaller Conferences have never yet reported Sunday Schools.

G. G. WESTFALL, Chairman.
H. S. SWEATNAM,
W. L. WELLS,
G. D. ELLIS.

Adjourned sine die.



The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, as to Statistics, was received and adopted as follows :

Sabbath School Statistics—Table No. 2.

Your Committee on Sabbath School Statistics submit the following report—taken from the “Year Book” of 1884, as being, we believe, more reliable than any thing we can gather from the Annual Conference Journals, all of which is most respectfully submitted.

CONFERENCES.	Number Schools.	Number Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Number Churches Sunday School Papers taken.	Number other Sunday School Papers taken.
Alabama.....	37	139	1491	*134	....
Arkansas.....	7	25	247	*20	....
Central Texas.....	20	160	500	125	300
Colorado.....	...	...	...	...	....
Deep River*.....	6	18	192	....	....
Fort Smith.....	4	30	150	....	....
Georgia.....	25	*85	*1015	....	....
Genessee.....	22	194	985	380	300
Indiana.....	84	654	4014	2145	....
Iowa.....	59	524	1573	817	942
Kansas.....	28	*22	*1778	45	....
Kentucky.....	10	122	370	250	120
Louisiana*.....	12	24	204	46	....
Maryland.....	200	2524	15352	9366	1079
McCaine.....	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	6	75	....	....
Michigan.....	85	824	*4053	1405	1146
Minnesota.....	20	155	450	100	50
Missouri.....	10	41	473	1048	....
Mississippi.....	1	23	24	....	....
Muskingum.....	141	1468	8537	6230	....
Nebraska.....	18	143	425	58	530
New Jersey.....	34	421	3157	....	125
New York.....	29	450	2875	391	1495
North Arkansas.....	...	...	...	....	....
North Carolina*.....	108	457	5319	....	....
North Illinois.....	56	349	2900	2023	1182
North Missouri*.....	34	156	1175	50	130
North Mississippi.....	4	13	195	....	....
Ohio.....	96	1105	6218	3487	2061
Onondaga.....	64	569	912	1360	1096
Oregon.....	...	...	...	....	....
Pennsylvania.....	22	207	885	425	....
Pittsburg.....	76	897	6434	4103	8782
Red River.....	...	...	...	....	....
South Carolina.....	23	107	1050	600	....
South Illinois.....	...	...	...	....	....
Tennessee.....	6	17	210	....	....
Texas.....	3	23	200	68	....
Virginia.....	27	127	1276	150	....
West Arkansas.....	14	35	374	675	....
West Michigan.....	62	530	2111	1786	937
West Tennessee.....	5	*24	130	....	....
West Virginia.....	159	1282	5475	1093	2394
COLORED CONFERENCES.					
Alabama.....	8	3	30	....	....
Baltimore.....	1	43	361	*20	....
Colorado*.....	..	...	27	48	45
Georgia.....	..	...	....	....	....
Total.....	1624	14222	83222	38448	15664

* The fact that the number of Sunday School scholars is less than 75 per cent. of the church membership, may be accounted

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May 1, 1883.....	39,240
Gain.....	19,744

METHODIST RECORDER.

Number of paying subscriptions on books March 1, 1883....	4,954
New Subscribers received during the year.....	1,109

Less

Discontinuances per order.....	718
Discontinuances for non-payment.....	525
	—1,243

Number of paying Subscribers March 1, 1884.....	4,820
Decrease.....	.134

Morning Guide, Circulation..... 9,000

Child's Recorder, Circulation..... 4,600

The Board of Publication make suggestions in respect to the modification of certain Articles Constituting the Board, which were adopted by the last General Conference.

The suggestions have had the careful consideration of the Committee, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, embodying the articles as amended.

1st. The Charters of the publishing concerns, at Baltimore and Pittsburgh, be so changed as to place them under the control of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

2d. Three laymen and two ministers shall constitute the Book Directory at each of the above localities. The Directory at Pittsburgh shall be incorporated as the Pittsburgh Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Directory at Baltimore as the Baltimore Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church.

3d. The two Corporations, each of which shall be responsible for its own debts, shall, together with the President of the General Conference constitute The Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Editors and Publishing Agents shall be honorary members of the Directories and Board of Publication.

4th. The papers at Pittsburgh and Baltimore shall be the official organs of the Methodist Protestant Church.

5th. The Board of Publication shall decide what works shall bear the imprint of the denomination, and fix the price of our copy right and official papers.

Report of Committee on Publishing Houses.

The Committee on Publishing Houses respectfully represent that they have carefully examined the report of the "Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church," covering the itemized reports of the respective Directories at Pittsburgh and Baltimore.

They have also examined the Charter of each Directory, and find that the Charters have been "so changed as to place both concerns under the control of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church," in compliance with the requirement of the last General Conference.

The Charter of the Pittsburgh Directory requires that a report be made from that concern directly to the General Conference. This report has been made, and has been examined by the Committee.

They find from the report of the Board of Publication, that the net assets of both Concerns, amount in the aggregate to \$30,267.85. Pittsburgh being \$20,865.87, Baltimore \$9,401.98.

In comparing these figures with the reports made to the last General Conference, it will be seen that the net assets of both Concerns have increased, in the past four years, \$4,467.06. Pittsburgh being \$2,498.54, Baltimore \$1,968 52.

In the Items making up these financial statements, the Committee respectfully refer the Conference to the detailed reports of the Board of Publication.

The following items are also submitted, in respect to the Circulation of the *Methodist Protestant*, *Methodist Recorder* and *Sabbath School Periodicals*

METHODIST PROTESTANT.

Circulation.

February 29, 1884.....	3,424
February 28, 1883.....	3,122
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Gain.....	302
New names during the year.....	772
Discontinued in default of renewal.....	470
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	302

SABBATH SCHOOL PERIODICALS.

May 1, 1884.....	58,984
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The Board of Publication also state "that they believe our Sunday School Literature demands the whole time of a capable man, and believe the time has come when there is a reasonable prospect of support for an Editor from this source."

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That an Editor for our Sunday School papers, shall be chosen by the Board of Publication, who shall take charge of our Sunday School publications at Pittsburgh and Baltimore, and edit and publish them under the control and direction of the Board of Publication.

We also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the provision in the charter of the Pittsburgh Directory, requiring a report to be made directly to the General Conference, be removed by proper amendment to said charter.

Resolved, That each Directory make its reports to the Board of Publication, covering the business of each year separately, and that said reports, or copies thereof, be transmitted to the General Conference, with the report of the Board of Publication.

Signed by all but L. W. Bates, absent.

Report of the Board of Publication.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church :

"The Board of Publication" instituted at your last session begs leave to report as follows : The first meeting of the board was held in Pittsburgh, on the 24th day of May, 1881, and organization effected by the election of Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, President, W. K. Gillespie, Secretary.

The charters of each Directory were found to have been amended in accordance with the direction of General Conference.

The principal business transacted at the first meeting was the fixing of the prices of Periodicals under the control of the Board, and ordering the imprint of the denomination to be placed upon "our Morning Guide," "The Child's Recorder," "The Bible School Journal," "The Bible School Quarterly," "The Bible School Lesson Leaf," "The Bible School," The "Discipline," "The Voice of Praise," as now in print "The Methodist Protestant Hymn Book," as now in print "The Journal of the General Con-

6th. It shall require a majority of the Board of Publication to determine any question as to the price of copyright and official journals, and what works shall bear the imprint of the denomination.

7th. There shall be at least one meeting of the Board of Publication in each quadrennium, provision for which shall be made by the Board. All business not absolutely requiring the assembling of the Board, may be transacted by correspondence, according to the rules of the Board.

The meetings of the Board of Publication shall alternate between Baltimore and Pittsburgh, to which full reports of the work and financial condition of the concerns shall be made by the Directors of each.

8th. Special meetings of the Board of Publication may be held on the call of five members, of which meetings at least ten days notice must be given.

9th. The necessary traveling expenses of each Directory shall be met by itself.

10th. The Board of Directors of the respective concerns at Baltimore and Pittsburgh shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference. All vacancies in the Boards occasioned by death, resignation or ceasing to be a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the interum of the General Conference, shall be filled by the remaining members of the respective Corporations.

11th. The General Conference shall determine what disposition shall be made of Surplus Funds accruing from the business of the Concerns.

12th. Our present Sunday School publications at Pittsburgh and Baltimore be recognized as the Sunday School literature of our church, and shall be placed under the control of the "Board of Publication," which shall determine the number, form, character and price of the publications, and shall have authority to fill any vacancies which may occur in the Editorship of the Sunday School periodicals.

13th. The General Conference shall elect the publishers and Book Agents.

14th. The organization of the Board of Publication shall be completed by the General Conference, by the election of the President and Secretary.

Subsequently the Hymn Book Committee having reported the adoption of "The Tribute of Praise" the Board assembled the Baltimore Directory in Baltimore, the Pittsburgh Directory in Pittsburgh, and consulting and voting by telegraph ordered the imprint of the denomination to be placed upon "The Tribute of Praise" and fixed the price of publication.

The second annual meeting was held in Baltimore in May, 1882, and the third annual meeting in Pittsburgh in May, 1883, but nothing of special importance was done at either of these meetings. The fourth annual meeting was held in Baltimore May, 15, 1884, to each of which full reports of the condition of the Directories at Pittsburgh and Baltimore were submitted. The Board recommended the modification and amendment of the articles constituting this Board to read as follows:

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ference," "The Journal of the Annual Council," and "Stocktons" Sermons for the people." The question of putting the Sabbath School Literature in charge of a special Editor as recommended by the General Conference was considered, and while that part of the Board constituting the Baltimore Directory was of the opinion that the financial condition of the S. S. publications would justify the arrangement recommended by the General Conference, the brethren of that part of the Board constituting the Pittsburgh Directory did not concur in this opinion, and therefore this interest is still conducted on the old plan.

The Board was of the opinion that the election of Editors of the Sunday School periodicals was one of its prerogatives and proceeded to the election of Rev. Jno. Scott, D. D., Editor of "The Morning Guide" and "The Child's Recorder" and Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., Editor of the "Bible School Series."

The report of the Hymn Book Committee having been made to the Board the following action was taken :

The President and Secretary of the Hymn Book Committee have notified this Board that they have agreed to adopt a hymn book published by Phillips & Hunt, as the hymn Book of the Methodist Protestant Church. In considering the question of printing and publishing said Book, under the imprint of our church, the Committee on Hymn Book having informed us that there are additional hymns to be inserted in the book, together with a preface not yet prepared, we regard the work of the Committee yet incomplete ; therefore we are under the necessity of postponing action upon the said question of printing and publishing the prospective hymn book. The General Conference having recommended that the "Board of Publication have authority to print and publish.....provided that the consent of two-thirds of the Committee be received," we recommend that the consent of two-thirds of the Committee be received ;" we recommend that the Hymn Book Committee, in submitting their completed work to the Board of Publication for the imprint of the denomination, take the precaution to relieve them of any question of the exercise of their authority, by securing the specified two-thirds vote on the adoption of the hymn Book.

The Secretary was directed to send a certified copy to Dr. L. W. Bates, Lynchburg, Va.

and edit and publish them under the direction of the Board of Publication.

H. F. Zollickoffer, *President*.

The financial condition of each Directory is shown by the following synopsis from their reports.

March 1, 1884.

BALTIMORE DIRECTORY.

Assets.

Real Estate--Actual value

Office furniture and store fixtures.....	\$ 270.00
Merchandise, Books, Paper etc.....	690.32
Type, Engravings, etc.....	274.89
Other Property	55.50
Merchandise, Accounts Receivable.....	464.85
Due from Advertisers.....	300.16
Doutful Accts. \$3,312, Actual Value 40 %.....	1,324.00
Stocks and other Securities	2,280.00
Cash on hand, and in bank.....	1,233.92
Good will.....	4,500.00
	<hr/> \$11,393.64

Liabilities.

Accounts Payable.....\$1,559.11

Other Liabilities.....

Due to subscribers to Meth. Prot. at

16 cts. per month.....\$1,671.30

Due to subscribers to Bible School

Series..... 1,025.16

\$2,696.46

Less due from subscribers to Meth.

Prot. at 16 cts. per month.....\$1,911.20

Less due from subscribers to Bible

School series..... 352.70

\$2,263.91

Net Due.....\$432.55

\$1,991.66

Net Assets March 1, 1884..... 9,401.98

The meetings of "The Board of Publication" shall alternate between Baltimore and Pittsburgh. to which full reports of the work and financial condition of the concerns shall be made by the Directors of each, a synopsis of which shall be furnished by the Annual Council.

Resolved, 8th. Special meetings of "The Board of Publication" may be held on the call of five members, of which meetings at least ten (10) days notice must be given.

Resolved, 9th. The necessary traveling expenses of each Directory shall be met by itself.

Resolved, 10th. The Board of Directors of the respective concerns at Baltimore and Pittsburgh shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference. All vacancies in the Boards occasioned by death, resignation or ceasing to be a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the interim of the General Conference, shall be filled by the remaining members of the respective corporations.

Resolved, 11th. The General Conference shall determine what disposition shall be made of any surplus fund accruing from the business of the concerns.

Resolved, 12th. That our present Sunday school publications at Pittsburgh and Baltimore be recognized as the Sunday school literature of our church, and shall be placed under the control of "The Board of Publication," which shall determine the number, form, character and price of the publications, and shall have authority to fill any vacancies which may occur in the editorship of the Sunday school periodicals.

Resolved, 13th. The General Conference shall elect the Publishers and Book Agents.

Resolved, 14th. The organization of "The Board of Publication" shall be completed by the General Conference by the election of the President and Secretary.

The Board also desires to submit the following with reference to our Sunday school publications.

"The Board of Publication believing that our Sunday school literature demands the whole time of a capable man : and believing the time has come when there is a reasonable prospect of support, for an Editor from this source, recommends that the General Conference at its present session elect an Editor, who shall take charge of our present publications at Pittsburgh and Baltimore,

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SABBATH SCHOOL PERIODICALS.

May 1, 1884.....	58,984	
May 1, 1883.....	39,240	
Gain.....	—	19,744

PITTSBURGH DIRECTORY.

March 1, 1884.

Assets.

Book Room Property, Real estate.....	\$19,071.64	
Subscription List.....	4,500.00	
Stereotype Plates.....	811.92	
Engravings.....	732.69	
Printing Material.....	1,053.45	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	397.16	
Suspended Accounts.....	147.50	
Cash.....	1,127.22	
Accounts Receivable.....	3,013.64	
Merchandise.....	7,839.69	
	—	\$38,694.91

Liabilities.

Mortgage on Book Room Property.....	\$8,000.00	
Notes for Merchandise.....	1,340.77	
Loans and Discounts.....	3,504.31	
Accounts Payable.....	2,558.20	
Due to Subscribers.....	2,425.76	
	—	\$17,829.04
Net Capital.....		\$20,865.87

METHODIST RECORDER CIRCULATION.

Number of paying subscriptions on books March 1, 1883.....	4,954	
New subscribers received during the year.....	1,109	
Less		
Discontinuances per order.....	718	
Discontinuances for non-payment.....	525	
	—	1,243
Number of paying subscriptions on books March 1, 1884.....	4,820	
Decrease.....	134	

FOURTEENTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION.

RECEIPTS.

March 1, 1883, to March 1, 1884

Subscribers to official paper, Meth. Prot.....	\$4,703.06
Subscribers to S. S. Literature Bible School	
Series	5,369.88
Advertisers.....	1,805.23
Interest.....	189.93
Rentals, Hymn Books and other Merchandise	20.80
Other receipts.....	816.95
Cash on hand February 28, 1883.....	499.45
	<hr/> \$13,405.30

DISBURSEMENTS.

March 1, 1883 to March 1, 1884.

Hymn Book, Stationery, etc.....	\$ 90.42
Print paper.....	2,129.44
Press work.....	1,142.70
Composition.....	2,900.06
Type and Printing Material.....	40.82
Salaries.....	1,800.00
Postage and Mailing Expenses.....	1,136.37
Traveling Expenses.....	29.70
Interest.....	3.29
Commissions.....	352.94
Fixtures and Improvements.....	102.50
Other Expenses	2,443.14
Cash on Hand.....	1,233.92
	<hr/> \$13,405.30

CIRCULATION.

March 1, 1884.

METHODIST PROTESTANT.

February 29, 1884.....	3,424
February 28, 1883.....	3,122
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Gain.....	302
New names during the year.....	772
Discontinued in default of renewal.....	470
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Brought forward,.....	\$35,854.10	
Repairs.....	3.00	
Stereotype Plates, 20 per ct. reduction for depreciation.....	202.98	
Engravings 10 per ct. reduction for depreciation	81.41	
Printing Material, 10 per ct. reduction for depreciation.	117.04	
Suspense Account, 40 per ct. reduction.....	98.33	
	<hr/>	502.76
Balance to Profit and Loss Profit, for Year.....		1,763.65
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		\$38,120.51



"Our morning Guide" circulation.....	9,000
"Child's Recorder" circulation.....	4,600

Receipts.

The Methodist Recorder

Subscriptions.....	8,340.54	
Advertisements.....	4,003.46	
	<hr/>	12,344.00
Sales of books and mdse.....		12,535.55
Sunday School papers (our own).....	2,154.85	
S. S. periodicals, (bible school, &c.)...	2,406.68	
	<hr/>	4,561.53
Rents.....		831.33
Other sources.....		8.41
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		30,280.82
Merchandise on hand March 1, 1884.	7,839.69	
	<hr/>	38,120.51

Disbursements.

Merchandise on hand March 1, 1883	\$ 9,906.97
Bought and Books Published during the year ending March 1, 1884.....	\$6,958.81
Press Work.....	1,607.58
Postage.....	929.30
Printing Paper.....	3,119.50
Composition.....	3,147.57
Salaries.....	4,130.50
Expense and Freight and Drayage.....	1,006.05
Stamps.....	598.90
Interest on Mortgage	480.00
Loans and Discounts.....	352.55
Traveling Expenses.....	245.52
Taxes and Insurance.....	596.30
Copyright	339.12
Premiums and Correspondence.....	194.70
Periodicals	2,240.73
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	\$25,947.13
Carried forward.....	<hr/>
	\$35,854.10

which are now as dear to us as ever—are, for the most part, we believe, the very principles which you have incorporated in your Church polity, and, which, for the space of fifty years, you have nobly vindicated both by service and suffering. It is, for this as well as for other reasons, matter of high satisfaction to us to know that your several institutions are healthy and flourishing; that the members of your churches now number considerably more than one hundred thousand, and that this number is still steadily increasing; that the two divisions of North and South are brought into happy union and fellowship; and that, while thus prosperous at home, you have recently organized a Board of Foreign Missions, with much promise of success. May the Great Head of the Church honour you with a true Apostolical succession of able and faithful ministers of the Living Word, and "make you a thousand times so many more as you are."

You will be glad to learn that our own beloved Connexion is enjoying, in an encouraging degree, the manifest favour of Almighty God, and although not progressing as rapidly as both piety and patriotism would wish, is yet making sure and steady advance. Our funds have been, and still are, remarkably well sustained, especially considering the serious depression of trade and commerce which has so long afflicted our country. Our property in Chapels and Schools may be estimated at the value of one million sterling. Our College—free from debt—is rendering increasingly-important service in the education of candidates for our Ministry. Our Mission in the vast heathern empire of China has been from the beginning the joy of our hearts, and is becoming more and more so each succeeding year. Our Sunday Schools, too, are in a prosperous condition, adding vigour and activity to our Churches by the young people drawn from them into recognised Christian fellowship with us; while of late years, many unsuitable buildings connected with them have been replaced by handsome and spacious structures, admirably fitted to prosecute this important work of the religious education of our youth in a more efficient manner than heretofore.

Nor generally, in the ordinary ministries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ have we "laboured in vain, and spent our strength for nought." It is our happiness to be able to inform you—and we do so with devout gratitude to the God of all Grace—that for four successive years we have been favoured with increases which in the

Address from Methodist New Connexion.

These fraternal communications are here appended to the Journal of the Convention of 1884, in default of their publication in the Journal of 1880, their rightful place, by order of the Convention of 1884.

*To the General Conference of the Methodiest Protestant Church,
United States, meeting at Pittsburg, Pa., 21st May, 1880.*

*From the Conference of the Methodist New Connexion, held at
Huddersfield, England, June, 1879.*

BELOVED AND HONOURED BRETHREN:

We thank you most sincerely for the assurance given in your Fraternal Message, addressed to our Conference held at Ashton-under-Lyne, in June, 1878, that it would afford you "great pleasure to welcome a Deputation" from our Body to your Assembly in this your Jubilee Year; and all the more because, with yourselves, we feel it to be very "desirable that the two Denominations should become better acquainted with each other."

We regret extremely that we are unable to respond to your wish in the way most accordant with our own sentiments and desires, by deputing one or more of our esteemed brethren, to represent us in your approaching Conference, and to convey to you in person the expression of our regard and Christian affection. What, however, we may not thus utter by our living voice, we gladly place on record in this more formal but not less brotherly communication.

We heartily congratulate you upon the attainment of your Jubilee as a Christian Church. Amongst the numerous salutations which will, at this joyous time, come to you from all quarters, be assured that none will be truer and warmer than ours. We have long felt strongly in sympathy with you and your work, and have watched, with deep interest, your progress as a religious community in the United States of America. Your history has been in many respects similar to our own. The principles of civil and religious liberty, and more particularly the privileges and rights of lay-members of the Christian Church, which we have advocated and maintained for more than eighty years—and

Finally, beloved brethren, accept the hearty assurance of our continued and loving interest in your welfare, and our earnest prayer that your energetic and faithful toils may be crowned yet more signally with the blessing of God. May great grace rest upon you all! May your Jubilee Conference be to all its members a rich pentecost of spiritual blessing, enduing you and your Churches, in extraordinary measure, with "power from on high!"

JAMES C. WATTS, *President.*

JOHN J. RUNTON, *Secretary.*

Sheffield, April, 1880.



aggregate amount to nearly four thousand members. Although this return is far from attaining the full measure of our hope and wish, and though it seems small in comparison with the large augmentations which the Methodist Churches in America from time to time record, yet on a thoughtful consideration of the conditions under which we carry forward our work here, you will not fail to see that we have at least sufficient reason to "thank God and take courage."

We note, with special pleasure, that every Methodist Church in the United States gives ample recognition of the principle of lay representation in their several Conferences, and though we are not able to speak so unrestrictedly in this matter in reference to the Churches of Methodism in England, yet we rejoice to place on record, what you will already have learnt with high satisfaction, that the Parent Methodist Body has taken a decided step in advance from its previous position by establishing a Mixed Conference of Ministers and Laymen, held each year in immediate succession to its exclusively Pastoral Conference. As to the smaller Methodist denominations in this country there is comparatively little real distinction in Church order between them, while there is happily among them a growing unity of spirit and co-operation in effort for the salvation of men and the glory of God.

For the first time in the history of the two denominations, a deputation was sent from the late Conference of the Methodist New Connexion to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference which was held in Birmingham in August last. It was very cordially and respectfully welcome, and the courtesy has been returned by the appointment of an influential Wesleyan Deputation to our forthcoming Conference at Longton. Such interchanges are of frequent occurrence amongst the other Methodist communities, and we may fairly interpret them as an evidence of a deepening mutual love and esteem, and a pleasant augury of closer fellowship in years to come.

We cannot close this, our brotherly Epistle, without saying how glad we shall be to welcome a Deputation from you at any time when you can make it convenient again to do us the honour which you did us in 1876, at which time the late lamented Dr. Clark visited us in your name and addressed us in never-to-be-forgotten words.

towards all those who, like yourselves, in their own contest espoused the principles for which we suffered, we must ever entertain sentiments of peculiar affection.

Our General Conference of last May and June was the first meeting of the body since the happy reunion, in 1877, of the previously severed parts. And in proof that the union was real and thorough, the representatives from the East, West, North and South, in brotherhood of feeling and concert of action, easily flowed together into one broad smooth sea, as though not a tributary stream had ever been diverted, or a storm disturbed the mingling waters. The Convention was clearly the work of God. Comparing the General Conference with the reuniting body of a date three years earlier, which had been as demonstrative in love and rejoicing as a genuine Methodist revival, it was evident that we were not backslidden or fallen from grace. This is subject of the greater congratulation, because our church, all over the wide territory of the country, now being one, organically and sympathetically, we shall be the better prepared, under the auspices of a still peerless polity, in this land, and by the Divine blessing, to fill our mission on the basis of that pure and practical theology which our common Methodist father exhumed from the thick accumulations of a dead formalism in your land, and, as the faithful steward of Him who died for all lands, invited the world to build for happiness and heaven.

The general statistics of the church reported at the General Conference exhibit a gratifying increase in all important interests; we name especially the organization of five annual Conferences, three of which are among the Colored people, making the entire number fifty; and these show very encouraging results, as the figures of conversions, since we last communicated with you, foot up more than two thousand.

Our three Colleges are doing well, especially in the equipment they are now furnishing the ranks from which our preachers are coming. About forty of the present students at these institutions are preparing for the ministry.

In addition to our regular church periodicals, we are now supplying from our publishing houses in Baltimore and Pittsburgh

Response.

The Methodist Protestant Church, in the United States of America, to the Conference of the Methodist New Connexion, England, in response, Greeting: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Brethren: At the Thirteenth Quadrennial Session of our General Conference, held in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., from May 21st to June 3d, 1880—our year of jubilee, your correspondents were appointed to reply to the fraternal address of your honored body, received through the Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D., President of the General Convention of 1877.

In the performance of the very pleasant duty thus enjoined, permit us to say that the General Conference listened to the reading of your communication with feelings of special interest and satisfaction. We all realized it to be a pleasure to hear such kindly words coming to us from brother Methodists across the sea, whence Methodism itself with all its wealth of beneficence, originally came, grandly complementing and climaxing the civic glory of our Republic, with Wesley's immortal idea of the Gospel, free, full, and apostolical, and now, in response, we would have the winds and waves that wafted us your message of love, return to your shores freighted with a full cargo of reciprocal friendship. For, we may add that the gratification experienced in hearing your christian and fraternal salutation was heightened by the recollection that it was spoken by those who, like ourselves, had earned the meed which virtue and intelligence ever award to all who successfully vindicate the principles of christian freedom.

In the very best sense, you and we, beloved brethern, are not of two countries, but of one. A similar history makes us compatriots. True, the struggle for church liberty, both on your side of the sea and on ours, has been crowned with such success as that our postulate of government is now meeting substantial acceptance, without exception, all over the world's broad Protestant domain. Nevertheless, the remembrance of the brave deeds which won the wreath we wear, should not, and cannot, die. We cherish no bitter memories of the strife—we prefer to imitate Alexander's artist, by painting the hand of friendship over the scars of battle—but

least we shall hear from you again by epistolary correspondence.

With fondest wishes and earnest prayers for the blessing of the Lord, more and more upon the enterprises and labors of the Methodist New Connexion, we are yours sincerely in Christ our Saviour,

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,

J. W. MCKEEVER,

W. H. JORDAN.

J. I. BENNETT,

C. W. BUTTON.

Committee of Correspondence.

In consequence of the addresses from the *Wesleyan* and *Primitive Methodist Conferences, of England*, having been lost, it is impossible to publish them in this report, as requested by the Convention,



all our needed Sunday School literature, in the way of monthly and weekly papers adapted both to children and their teachers.

Long hindered by unavoidable circumstances, from active participation with other branches of the general church in the work of Foreign Missions, our way has now been opened, and we are happy to say, that we have, to day, in Japan, a consecrated worker in that hopeful field. This laborer is a woman already experienced by previous toils, in Foreign Missionary work. We found her at a most opportune moment. She is our second selection. Her predecessor, who had left her home in this country to represent us in that far off land, was called to the rest of heaven, while on her way to the scene of her contemplated work for Christ. This event dashed our hopes, and we were sad. But, how true of God's work, "while the workmen die, the work goes on." While we were yet downcast by the afflictive providence, another brave christian woman came forward to take the place of her fallen sister. This is a begining only, but we are looking to a progress in the same direction that shall be creditable to us in the measure of growing sense of responsibility in the premises..

Besides the important work under consideration by the General Conference, looking to increased activity in our ever-enlarging denominational field, with the view of evincing our interest in general Methodism, the world over, we cheerfully joined the sister Methodisms in the movement for unity in council and co-operation, by the appointment of six delegates to the "Ecumenical Conference" to be held in August, 1881, in your great metropolis. Our devout prayer is that the elect sons of Wesley, coming from all localities and representing all branches of the family, and assembling at City Road Chapel, may be so baptized with the spirit that animated their common father, that there may be as the result of the gathering the completest demonstration ever yet given of his own broad apostolical appreciation of christian obligation, and his clear prophetic insight as well when he said "the world is my parish." And now, dear brethren, happy in the intercourse we have thus far had with you, and desiring its continuance for mutual advantages, as laborers for the Divine Master, who stand very near each other, we solicit the presence of some delegated member of your body at our General Conference in May, 1884, or that at